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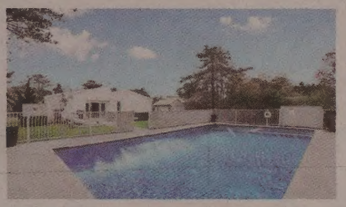

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3 Wood Edge Court, Water Mill | $1,975,000 | Built by Curto and Curto, this distinguished and tasteful 4-bedroom, 4-bath home has a grand foyer, gourmet kitchen,formal dining room and breakfast room with a guest suite on the main level and a second level master suite. A covered back porch, heated Gunite pool and room for tennis all on a private 1.28-acre lot with a 2-car garage. Web# H0154624.

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 1/5 FROM 11AM-1PM
19 Turtle Pond, Southampton | $1,599,000 | This pristine Traditional offers 3,800 sf of living space plus a finished lower level on 1 acre in a great neighborhood near the bay, backed by 10 acres of reserve. It has 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, den, laundry room, and a master bedroom on the first floor. Upstairs there a 3 additional bedrooms sharing 2 baths. Web# H29941.

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 1/5 FROM 1:30-3:30PM
323 Old Sag Harbor Road, Southampton | $1,595,000
Custom built in 2006 on a private 1.2 acre lot in Southampton, this stylish Traditional has a spacious gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite countertops, oversized eat-in dining area spilling over to gracious living room, making it ideal for entertaining. There is a full, walk-out basement with 9' ceiling. Pool with extensive stone work and lush landscaping. Also includes 2-car garage. Web# H31654.

OPEN HOUSE SUN. 1/6 FROM 11AM TO 1PM
2665 Deerfield Road, Southampton | $995,000
This Contemporary on 1.4 acres backs up to a golf course. The main floor consists of a bright kitchen and dining room, 2 guest rooms and large bath, double height great room with fireplace and sliders leading out to slate patios, heated Gunite pool, hot tub and entertainment area. Upstairs, the en suite master opens to private deck with expansive views. Finished basement. Web# H22912.

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OPEN HOUSE FRI. 1/4 FROM 11AM TO 1PM
15 Dogwood Lane, Sag Harbor | $795,000
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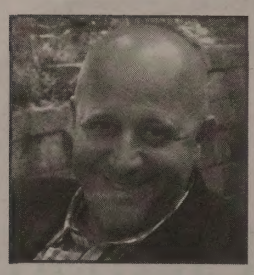

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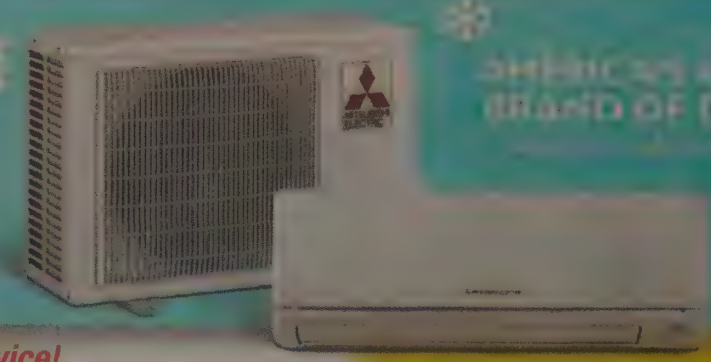

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5. WHAT DID THE DEC STEAL IN AMAGANSETT?

A. FISH
B. CLAMS
C. A PET SNAKE
D. SCALLOPS
E. ALL OF THE ABOVE

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6. THE WORLD ENDS TOMORROW

A. GRAB YOUR COAT & GET YOUR HAT
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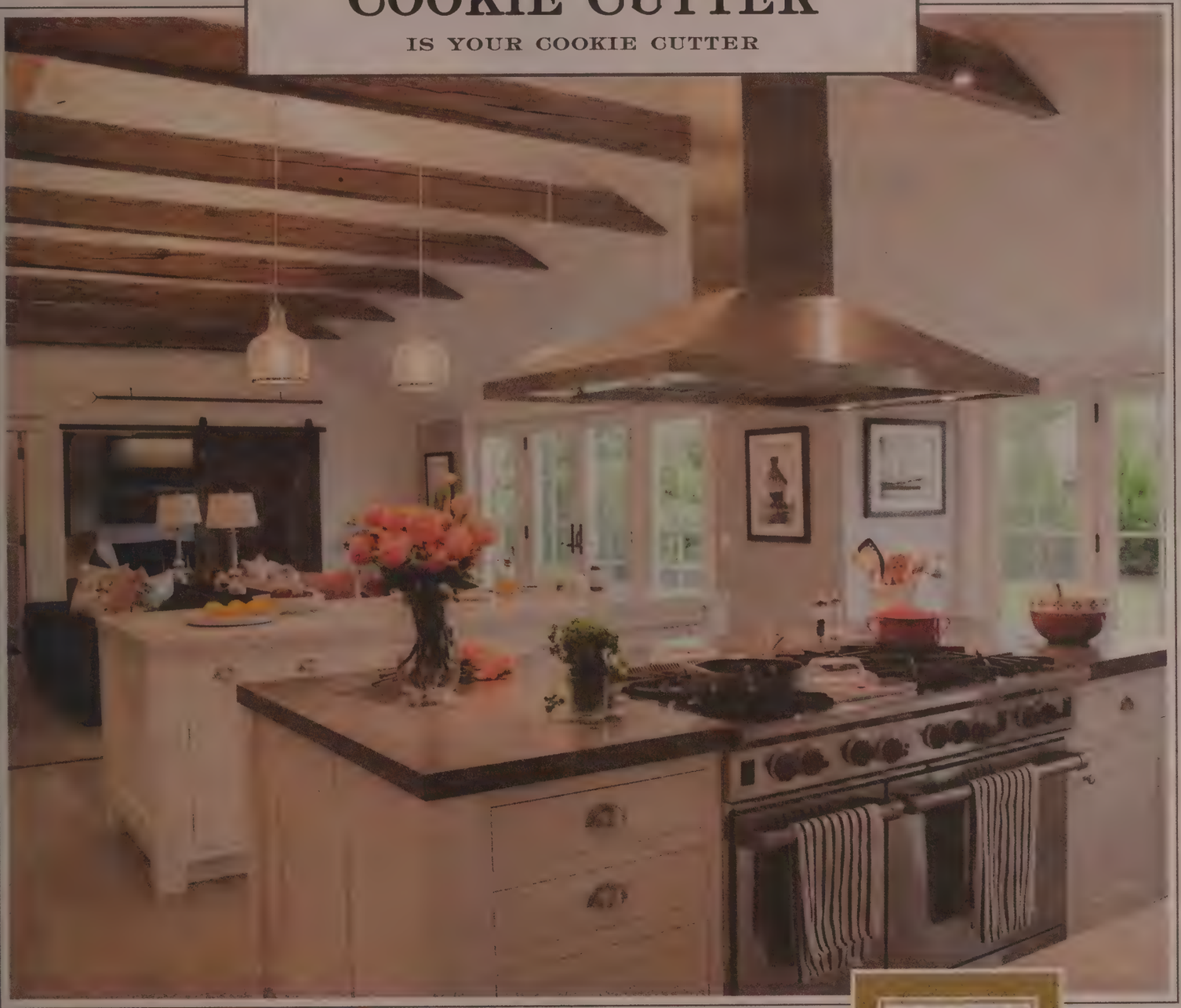

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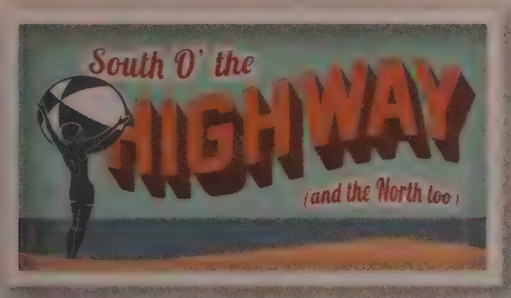

Southampton resident **Howard Stern** has signed on for another season of *America's Got Talent*. Said NBC executive **Paul Telegdy** in a statement, "Howard Stern's towering presence and opinions on last season's show as a new judge made a dramatic impact and added a sharper edge to the fascinating developments on stage."

Ed Burns

Southampton resident **Ed Burns'** new movie, *The Fitzgerald Family Christmas*, is garnering positive reviews. Said *The New York Times*: "Mr. Burns shuffles this dense material with the dexterity of a card shark. The pace, although swift, is never rushed...*The Fitzgerald Family Christmas* addresses the meaning of family ties with a bracing emotional honesty."

Tasty tidbits: Water Mill actress **Lois Robbins** is waiting tables at Vinny's in Carroll Gardens to prepare for her upcoming role in the independent film *Blowtorch*. She will play a recently widowed, struggling mother of three. The film also features **William Baldwin** and **Kathy Najimy**. Broadcaster **Ann Liguori** lunched at **Pierre's** in Bridgehampton last Monday. Southampton foodie **Rachael Ray** said of **Kathleen King's** new Tate's Bake Shop cookbook, *Baking for Friends*, "I don't do a lot of baking—that's why I am such a fan of Tate's... I'm going to try my hand at a couple of these recipes, probably be too embarrassed to take a photo of them." King made a guest appearance on Ray's TV show to teach Ray's husband, **John Cusimano,** how to make his favorite treat—Tate's chocolate chip cookies.

Grace Coddington

Wainscott's resident fashion icon **Grace Coddington**, longtime Creative Director of *Vogue* magazine, was the guest of The Antique Shop's fabu proprietors **Barbara Trujillo, Brian Ramaekers, Jollie Kelter** and **Michael Malce** on Saturday. Coddington signed copies of her new book, *Grace, A Memoir*, for a line of fans that went out the door and down the block! See photos of the event on page 41.

East Ender Kathleen Vesey Fee sang the National Anthem before a Pittsburgh Steelers game earlier this month. *(Continued on page 42)*

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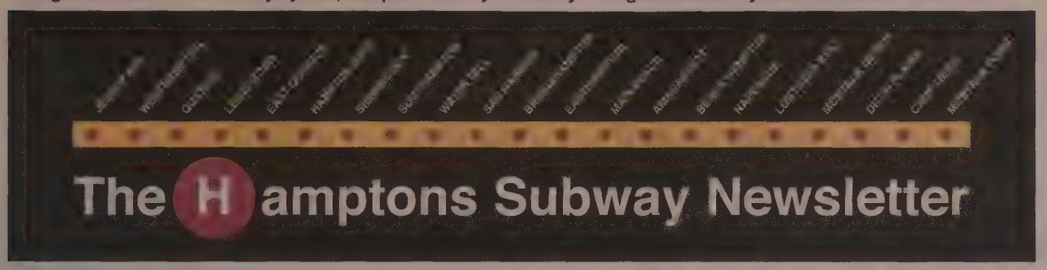

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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Barbara Walters and James Lipton were seen chatting together on the subway going from Southampton to Water Mill at 2:32 p.m. last Wednesday.

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If anyone had been atop Fort Hill looking down at the Montauk Subway Yards at 6 a.m. last Saturday morning, they would have seen a yellow school bus, courtesy of the Tuckahoe School District, pull in loaded with 11 Santa Clauses picked up at various places around the Hamptons who were now in Montauk to begin their work day.

These Santa Clauses, motormen all, then disembarked from the busses and entered the Subway Yard dispatch building, where they sat in the lounge drinking coffee until it was their turn to take the "reins" of a train out and be off on their appointed rounds along the system. Yes, Santa Clauses steered all the trains on the system beginning on Saturday and will continue to do so until closing time on Christmas Eve, when we let them go home to their families.

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Dear Hampton Subway:
I don't want to be a spoilsport or anything, but continuously playing Christmas music at high volume over the subway system PA can get really annoying. Frankly, I'm Bing Crosbied up to HERE. And when the motormen keep time with the songs by going faster and slower and faster and slower to, for example, "Jingle Bells," it is a back-wrenching experience for us Golden Years people.

SUBWAY TRANSFER SYSTEM ENDED

The free subway transfer machines on all subway platforms in the system are to be removed this week. They will be thrown in the dumpster alongside our Hampton Bays Headquarters building on Thursday for anyone who might want one. Most no longer dispense tickets, and most have either broken or been vandalized. The subway transfer machines were originally built for the Toronto Subway in 1954 and we picked them up for $500 each at auction up there last month. However, nobody uses them. Although pulling the lever gets you a free transfer ticket, there is no purpose to doing so since all you have to do to transfer from one subway to another is get off one and get on a different one. We've never charged for these second rides. So this was just one more mistake by Austin Applebottom, the marketing director who thought free transfers would be a good marketing idea. He was fired yesterday.

DELAY

A woman trying to bring 15 large gift-wrapped Christmas boxes on the subway at the Bridgehampton stop caused a 30-minute delay on the system when the boxes became jammed in the sliding door. One of the woman's arms was briefly pinned in there too, but good Samaritans on the train carefully got her free.

REMINDER ABOUT FOOD

Although food kiosks operated by the Subway restaurant chain are on every platform, we would like to remind straphangers that eating hoagies or drinking Cokes on the subway cars is against the law. We will be suspending the enforcement of the law by our subway police during this final week leading up to Christmas, so please self-police yourself. Eating and drinking on a bouncing subway train can really create quite a mess.

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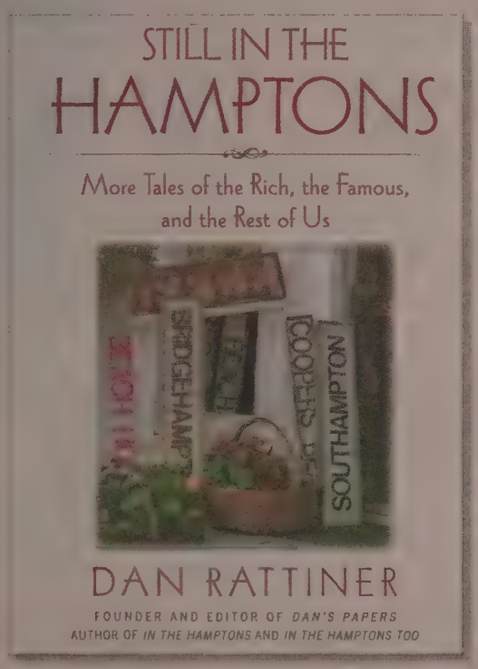
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BY DAVID LION RATTINER

OH, DEER
A man smashed into two trees in Southampton after he swerved to avoid hitting a deer that ran out in front of him on the road.
The man had to go to the hospital after the accident, but there were no life-threatening injuries.
The deer was not injured in the ordeal, either, but later had quite the story to tell to his buddies.

DWI
A man in East Hampton was arrested for DWI after he was seen drinking from a bottle while behind the wheel and swerving all over the road. When he was pulled over, police found an open container of alcohol as well as a variety of empty liquor bottles, including one bearing a Jailhouse Beer label.

FLASHDANCE
Two women got into a fight at a bar in Hampton Bays that lead to one of the women losing her shirt and exposing her breasts. When the altercation ended, the two women were escorted out of the bar, at which point the DJ began to play "Flashdance." What a feeling.

SHELTER ISLAND
Old Man McGumbus, 101 years old, President of the Shelter Island Boulder Authority, and former World War II test pilot, was arrested last week after he urinated on a hipster who was reading *War and Peace* while sitting at the Shelter Island bar Wet Clams, which is McGumbus's legal second residence, according to tax records.

SOUNDS LIKE IT'S ABOUT TO GO VIRAL
A man on the North Fork broke the windshield of another man's car during the filming of a YouTube video. The man was supposed to jump over his fellow filmmaker's car, but instead slipped and smashed face-first into the front windshield. No charges were filed.

BREAK-IN
A home invasion was reported in Montauk after a man returned to his house and found his surfboard, his kiteboard, his longboard, his skateboard, his billboard, his cutting board and his snowboard to be missing.

IT'S ILLEGAL
People all across the Hamptons and on the North Fork went to the movies to see the hit film *The Hobbit* during its opening weekend and allegedly brought food from outside sources into various theaters.
A full investigation is taking place into the many reported incidents.

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter and get exclusive Old Man McGumbus updates at danshamptons.com.

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Grace Coddington Book Signing at The Antique Shop

The Antique Shop in Bridgehampton hosted a book signing of the new memoir by fashion legend Grace Coddington. **Photographs by Tom Kochie**

There was a line out the door!

Bob Balaban gets his copy inscribed

Sean Spellman getting several autographed copies for gift-giving

Handel's Messiah

The Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Southampton hosted the 76th Annual Presentation of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*, performed by the Choral Society of the Moriches, Inc., this past Saturday. **Photographs by Nicholas Chowske**

Violinists **Alan Walter** and **Amy Yamagisi** perform *Messiah*, by George Frideric Handel, at Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Southampton.

The beautiful Basilica

Tenor **Humberto Diaz II** performs a solo during the event.

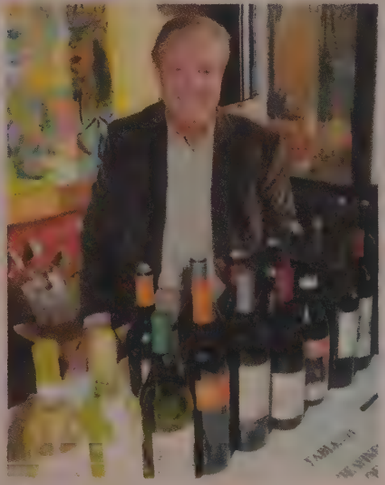
Mega Tasting Event at Osteria Salina Restaurant

Osteria Salina Restaurant on School Street in Bridgehampton held a "Mega Tasting Event" on Saturday. Guests were treated to a full variety of wines, an assortment of cheeses and other house delicacies. **Photographs by Richard Lewin**

Osteria Salina Co-owner **Tim Gaglio** with Chef/Co-owner **Cinzia Gaglio**

The wine judges were an international group: **Iliana Campaiola** (Colombian), **Luca Campaiola** (Italian), **Bettina Volz** (German), **Don Lenzer** (American), **Viola Rouhani** (Swedish/Persian).

Chris Boudouris (General Manager of McNamara's Wine & Spirits), **Sofia Crokos** and **Dane Johnson**



Bill Hade of Martin Scott Wines offered a wide variety of wines.

Douglas Elliman Real Estate Holiday Party at Topping Rose House

DE CEO/President Dottie Herman invited her entire Hamptons family to a Holiday Cocktail Reception at the Topping Rose House in Bridgehampton. Not only were the guests treated to food and drink, but they also had the opportunity to see the building's restoration work by BH Architect Roger Ferris. **Photographs by Richard Lewin**

DE's Enzo Morabito Team: **Greg Geuer, Enzo Morabito, Cynthia Beck** and **Aimee Fitzpatrick Martin**

Some of the Douglas Elliman Family: **Barbara Mattson** (EH Assistant Manager), **Ray Smith** (DE Manager, EH and SH), **Laura Scott** (DE Chief Growth Officer), **Dottie Herman** (DE CEO and President), and **Paul Brennan** (DE Hamptons Regional Manager)

Topping Rose House Chef de Cuisine **Ty Kotz** (second from left) with his Crew: **Deidre Richard, Joe Cipro** and **Edgar Tapia**

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Fee, who has been a singer her entire life, got the opportunity for the gig after she met the team's talent director while watching a game last year. In preparation, she trained with voice coach Christine Cadarette at Crossroads Music in Amagansett.

Amagansett residents **Paul McCartney** and **Alec Baldwin** appeared in skits during the holiday episode of *Saturday Night Live* last weekend.

In other **Alec Baldwin** news, the busy actor will play a mobster named Harold in *Orphans*, a 1983 play about two troubled brothers, on Broadway this spring. Preview performances begin March 19 at the Schoenfeld Theater. The show officially opens on April 7.

The South Fork may soon welcome new, very notable neighbors: **Bill and Hillary Clinton**! Close friends of the couple say that they would like to buy a home upstate or in the Hamptons—somewhere Hillary can relax and enjoy everyday activities once she exits the State Department.

Fashion designer **Elie Tahari** will appear on *Project Runway All Stars Season 2* next week. Fans of the show, and of Tahari, can see the winning design on display in his East Hampton store.

George Stephanopoulous & Alexandra Wentworth

GeorgeStephanopoulos, *Good Morning America* co-anchor and ABC News chief political correspondent, and his wife, **Alexandra Wentworth**, are reportedly selling their East Hampton home. The couple paid $3.5 million for the home three years ago. With a new asking price of $5.5 million, the property was on the market for only a month.

Congratulations, **Steven Spielberg**! The East Hampton director's latest film, *Lincoln*, had a big week last week, leading the early awards race with four Screen Actors Guild Award nominations and seven Golden Globe nominations.

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Santa's Dad

Meeting Up With Kris Kringle at His Home in Sagaponack

BY DAN RATTINER

It is not well known, but Santa Claus's father lives in the Hamptons. His name is Kris Kringle, he's retired now from his active work years ago when he gave toys away to the kids in his native land of Holland and the rest of Europe, and it's thanks to the success of his son that he now lives in well-to-do circumstances in a beautiful house just a block from the ocean in Sagaponack.

We interviewed Kris Kringle at his home at his request. He rarely goes out, because he looks a lot like his son, only older, and that only makes it complicated for his son to do what he does and he does not want that. Kris has hired help, local people, who take care of his needs, shopping, keeping house, etc., etc. And they have been sworn to secrecy about the exact location in Sagaponack where he and his wife, Katrinka, live because the media would love to know he is in the Hamptons, and that would make things still worse for his son.

"I trust *Dan's Papers*," Kris said when I spoke to him over the phone and he invited me over for a drink.

"I read you all the time. Just don't write where we live. Is dat okay?"

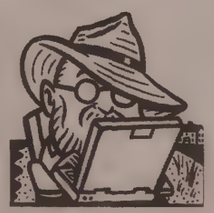
Kris still speaks English with the Dutch accent.

"Of course it's okay," I said. "Cross my heart and hope to die if I say anything."

I have no idea why I said that.

The Kringle home is not much different than any of the other homes in Sagaponack—that is, it is a grand and gracious mansion with a dozen bedrooms or more, sitting on five or six acres. I parked in the driveway near to the front door and knocked. A servant girl in a Dutch peasant costume—a local woman I happen to know who used to work in the library—opened the door and let me in with a smile, then led me through the living room and the dining room. We passed the kitchen, in which I saw half a dozen elves busily working. Then we went down a few steps and out toward the pool, which, this time of year, is enclosed under a glass dome. Kringle was sitting on a lounge chair by the pool.

"Ahoy there!" he shouted, raising a drink with a little umbrella in it at me. I walked around the chair so I could get to where he could *(Cont'd on next page)*



Dan Rattiner's *third memoir,* STILL IN THE HAMPTONS *is now online and at all bookstores. His first two memoirs,* IN THE HAMPTONS *and* IN THE HAMPTONS, TOO, *are also available online and in bookstores.*

Kringle *(Continued from previous page)*

see me.

"Thank you so much for letting me come visit you," I said.

"Iss notting," he said, waving his drink. "Have a seat. Vould you like a drink?"

An elf appeared. He looked at me. I looked at him.

"I'll have a Diet Coke," I said. Then I sat down in an adjacent lounge chair.

"Make him a RUM and Diet Coke," Kringle said to the elf. Then he turned to me.

"Did you ever see such a nice glass dome?" he asked, waving his drink again.

I said I had not.

"Slides back to open to the sky at the press of a button. Like the Superbowl. Vott a nice young man my son has turned out to be. I get all dese great Christmas presents."

"Do you open it on sunny days in the wintertime?"

"Ve open it summer, vinter, spring und fall. Venever it's sunny. It's not sunny today, though."

"No it isn't," I said. I looked around. "I noticed when I went through the house that there are elves all over the place."

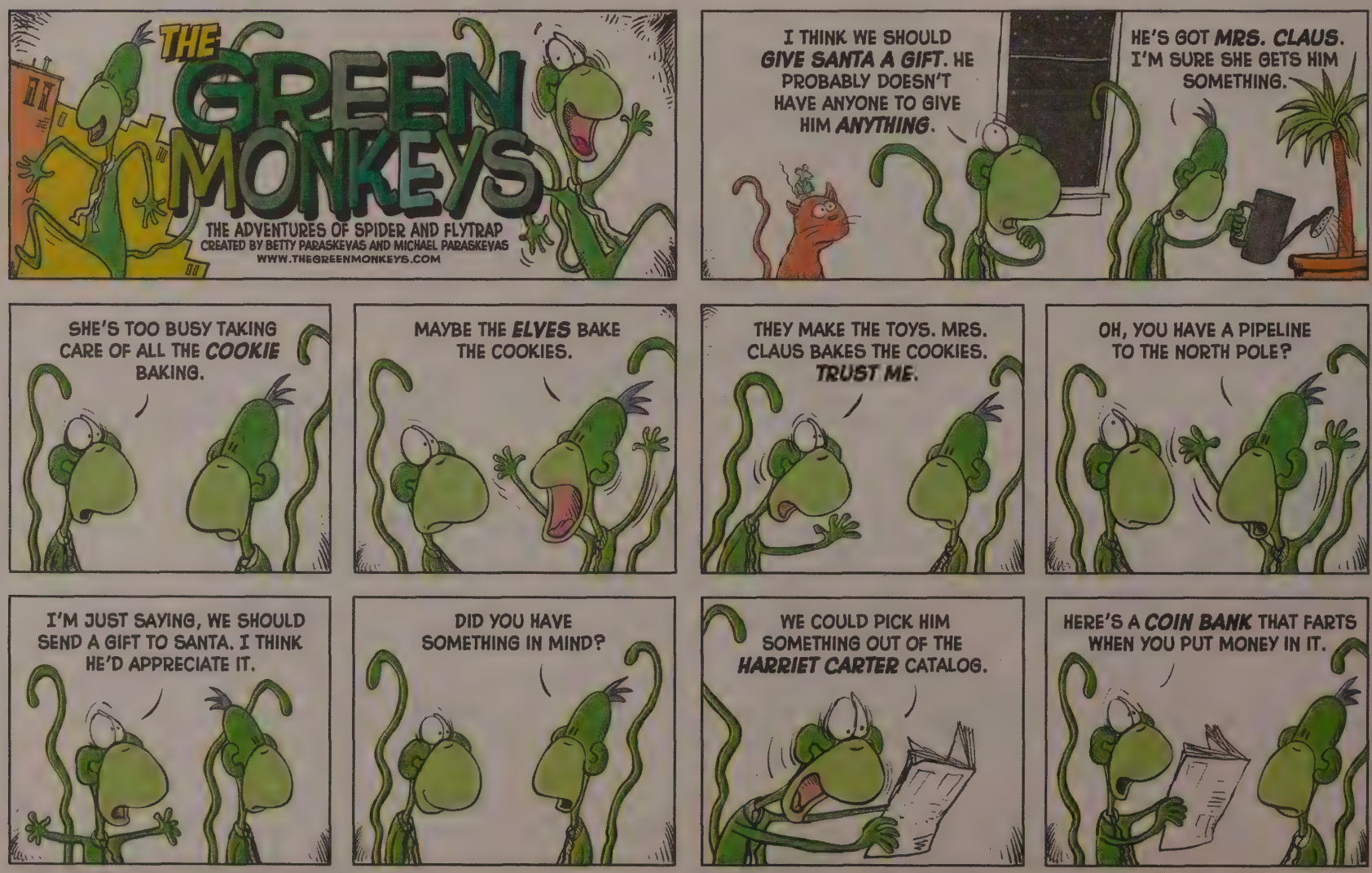
"When I came to America, I brought my faithful elves with me. I could not leave them behind."

"How many are there?"

"Let's see. There's Hans, Heidi, Vladimir, Wilhelm, oh, I think there are 22 all together, and their wives and husbands of course."

"And they all live here in this house?"

"Oh yes. And they still make presents just like in the old days in Holland. They have a workshop out back. And for the month before Christmas they are working, working, working, now not for me anymore but for my son. He has the main gang of elves at the North Pole, of course. We're just a small adjunct, *(Continued on page 46)*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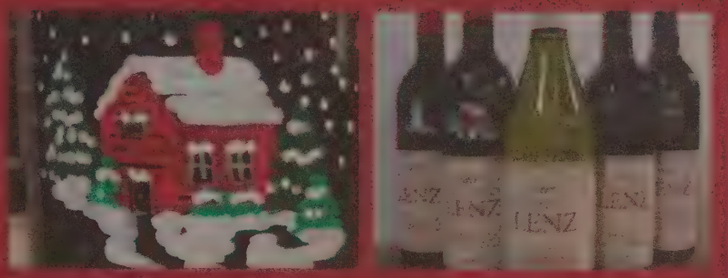

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Kringle *(Continued from page 44)*

as you say. But we keep busy. Some of them make lunch for everybody. You are staying for lunch, you know."

"That would be wonderful," I said.

"You've provided me so much pleasurable reading over the years. It's the least I could do."

"How long have you been here?"

"We came over from Holland about, oh, I don't know, in a big ship, a long time ago. When my son started up with all the flying around and the going down the chimneys. I gave him such a hard time about it at first. But then, when it was such an immediate success, he bought me this place. America's the greatest country on earth and the Hamptons is the most beautiful spot in America. I love it here. I like the old country, of course. But there are so many troubles and all there."

"Like what?"

"Like when they assassinated the Archduke Ferdinand in Serbia. I think that is what did it for me. So we came here."

"Do you go to the beach?"

"Once in awhile. I sort of live in this bathing suit, so it's no big deal. I just bike down. Put on an 'American' shirt, one of those Hawaiian things, so I fit in. Nobody sees me in my old Kris Kringle clothes. As I said, I really don't want people to know it's me. And I'm retired now, of course."

"Did anyone take your place giving out presents to the kids in Europe?"

"My wonderful son did that."

"I don't understand."

"I would deliver the presents by horse and wagon. It was hard, slow work. We'd deliver the presents to the people of Europe over a four-month period beginning in August, and they had to hide the presents away so their kids wouldn't see them until the right time. It was a tough system, but it worked."

"Wouldn't the kids see all the gift wrapping of the presents in the back of the wagon?"

"Of course not. We kept a tarpaulin over it. Kept them dry too, in the rain. People were so appreciative of what I did back then. It was wonderful for me. And I guess it was wonderful for them."

"Had you always been doing that?"

"Heavens no. Originally I was a dentist. I had an office in Amsterdam and a townhouse. I was a very successful dentist. But then, I decided to give back. So I did that."

"How did you decide to be somebody who gave away presents?"

"It just came to me. Nobody else was doing it. It made the kids of Europe happy. It got them fully focused on Christmas, the birthday of the son of our Lord. It was a big success."

"How many years ago did you start doing that?"

"Oh, centuries. I can't even count them. I started during the papacy of Pope Julius I. You could look it up."

"And then your son took over?"

"No, Santa had his own ideas. He was always a precocious little child. You could never keep him still. He got this cockamamie idea that he'd get some reindeer, train them to fly, then go out late at night on Christmas Eve and go all over the world, except for Europe, of course, because that was my beat, and deliver gifts for Christmas that way. He built a headquarters up at the North Pole. Have you been up there?"

"No."

"Amazing place, just amazing what he's done. So he's flying around and I'm going along on these bumpy roads with my horse and after awhile he said, Dad, why don't you retire? I could take over Europe. With my new way of doing things, well, you get the idea."

"I see."

"Was it an easy transition?"

"Well, I have to say, we had really been so hard on Santa when he first started. Katrina especially thought flying was so dangerous, especially at night, and at that time of year, with all that snow, it, it just seemed so crazy."

An elf appeared with my drink, and also a fresh drink for Kringle. He disappeared with Kringle's old finished drink.

"But you know, he did this, and it all worked. I have no idea how he does it. It just seems so crazy, don't you think? Flying around like that? Well, I thought about it and I talked to my wife, and it didn't take long for us to decide that he should buy out our business and take over Europe, and so that's what he did."

Kris waved his new drink around.

"And then you know what he did? You can see it all around you. He is such a guy, my son. What a great guy. I really have to hand it to him."

"I certainly agree with that," I said. "You showed him the way, and then he just made it all around the world. Amazing."

"Hear that?"

"Hear what?"

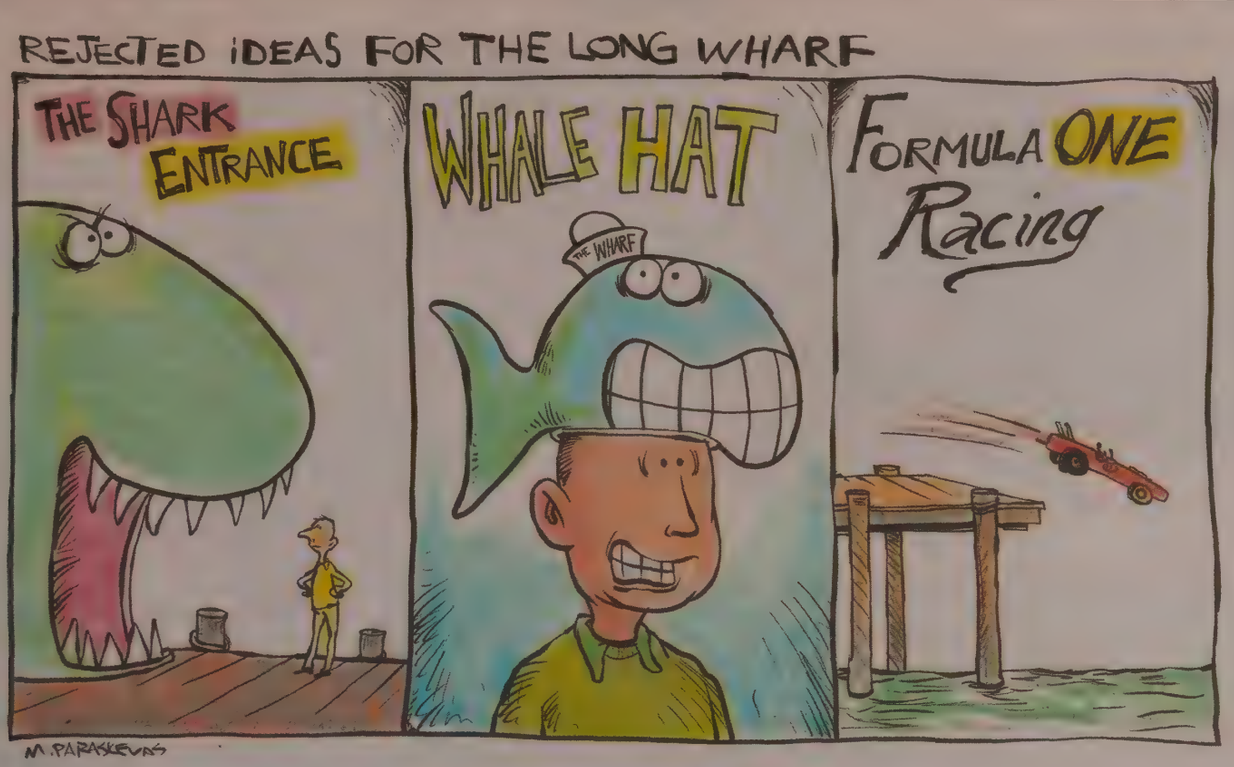
"Listen."

I listened. It wasn't far away, but now I heard it, the sound of a horn, a ram's horn.

"Lunch is served," Kringle said. He stood up, stretched and scratched his belly with his free hand. "Christmas Pudding," he said, sniffing the air.

"I hope you like it. And I smell goose and potatoes and pumpkin pie. This way."

And he led me off to the dining room and one of the most wonderful meals I ever ate.



Wharf Ideas

Long Wharf Is Good. Let's Make It Great with These Ideas

BY DAN RATTINER

December has been a banner month for Sag Harbor. The restoration of the town windmill at the foot of Long Wharf has been completed, thanks to citizens who ran fundraisers, bake sales, village-wide mailings, even a cruise; and to the Save Sag Harbor group which ran the campaign online; to the merchant community and Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce for their donations; and to the physical nail and hammer work of Tom O'Donoghue, who did the whole restoration for the cost of materials.

The mill, a replica of an old English windmill, the Beebee Mill, which once stood on Suffolk Street, was re-presented by the mayor to the public, named officially after a beloved Mayor the "John A Ward Memorial Windmill," and with a holiday "Light Up" now is fully festooned with colorful Christmas Lights to light the way into town for Santa Claus.

During that same week our local County Legislator Jay Schneiderman presented a bill to the legislature which would have the county return ownership of Long Wharf, the town centerpiece, to the Village for $1. The county has owned this Sag Harbor treasure for more than half a century. This week, on December 18, it was returned to the Village.

These two developments, together with the gifting by the county of the little artificial sand beach adjacent to Long Wharf on August 2 (a modest ceremony was held), means that Sag Harbor will, without consultation with others, be able to present a beautiful scene to the visitors who come to town next summer and stop down there at the end of Main Street, to walk out to the end of the wharf, to sunbathe on the beach and take a dip in the water, to visit the newly redone windmill, to shop on the wharf, attend fairs on the wharf and in the evening go to the performances at Bay Street.

Given all of the above, this writer would like to propose further developments for Long Wharf.

I think there should be a visual centerpiece at the end of the wharf so that when you walk its full 1,000-foot length, you don't just come to an undramatic ending of it. And I think that centerpiece should be a cannon.

It should be a replica of a very historic cannon. During the War of 1812, the British navy tried to burn coastal towns in the United States by landing armed Redcoats and having them race through town setting fire to all buildings and ships. They were quite successful with this tactic. (The town of Essex, Connecticut has an accurately but weirdly named "Burning the Ships Parade" every summer.) And we all know about the burning of the *(Cont'd on next page)*

Dealing with the Problems of Too Much Fun

BY KATE MAIER

The sounds of summer may be far from the minds of most, but Montaukers who showed up at a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting earlier this month are still significantly miffed about a backlog of noise complaints accrued in the hamlet's high season. As the once sleepy Podunk continues to surge in popularity, visitors continue to pour in, and nightclubs and entertainment spots, particularly those situated in residential areas, are placing an auditory strain on residents.

At the CAC meeting, where East Hampton town attorney John Jilnicki appeared to quell concerns with the promise of potentially Montauk-specific overhaul to the town code, a significant crowd of concerned citizens turned up to tune the attorney in on what is really going on at The End. Historically, they said, party hosts have chosen to pooh-pooh the provisions of mass gathering permits issued to control potentially dangerous overcrowding, and the resultant overflow of noise, waste, and bacchanalias turned some neighborhoods into summertime circuses.

The best known of these incidents, the Shark Attack Sounds event, hosted by Hamptons socialite and photographer Ben Watts, the brother of actress Naomi Watts. The explosive growth of the annual party, which started as a gathering of a few dozen people on a beach 11 years ago, illustrates the problem modern Montauk is facing.

In 2011, the *New York Times* reported that the party, which was relocated in recent years to Rick's Crabby Cowboy Café on East Lake Drive, drew 1,000 guests and raged until 4 a.m. the following morning. This past summer, code enforcement officers shut the party down, citing noise violations and a failure to adhere to a mass gathering permit issued for 800 people. Some estimates said as many as 3,000 revelers had shown up on the property, and the area was so crowded *(Continued on page 50)*

Wharf *(Continued from previous page)*

Leonard J. DeFrancisci

Good old Long Wharf in Sag Harbor

White House during that war.

Here in Sag Harbor, a landing was attempted on July 11, 1813 and for an hour or two, Redcoats held the end of Long Wharf, only to be driven back to their ships by musket fire and the earsplitting sound of gunfire from a single cannon, a 19-pounder, set up on a nearby hill. This was the only cannon Sag Harbor had.

That cannon no longer exists. But other cannons of that era do. One could be bought, put on a platform there at the end of Long Wharf pointing out to sea, with below it an explanation on a sign of how it saved the town.

I think two white flagpoles should flank the cannon. We could fly an American flag on one of them, with a flag of Sag Harbor bearing its official seal just below. On the other, we could fly a 13 star colonial American flag (or a flag bearing the number of stars our flag had in 1812) and, just below, an official whale flag. Last spring, Sag Harbor decided upon an official whale silhouette emblem for the town, celebrating the many years it was a vibrant whaling port. (More than 100 ocean-going whaling ships called Sag Harbor home in those years.)

As you probably know, although Sag Harbor is an official village, it is also overlayed inside two townships, which meet up in the village. Running south to north parallel to Main Street is Division Street. The eastern side pays taxes to East Hampton Town. The western side pays taxes to Southampton Town. There's a yellow dotted line down the middle of the street.

After Division Street ends, the dividing line officially continues on across Long Wharf and into the bay, but it does not go down the center of the wharf. Oddly, it crosses it at an angle, so that the base of Long Wharf is in Southampton while the end of it is in East Hampton Town.

I suggest that money be spent with surveyors to have the dividing line officially changed so that it goes right up the center of Long Wharf. It's a wonderful story about how the Village got divided in two. Tell it with a dotted white line going down the center of Long Wharf, and in the windmill have information about how the line was modified so it is now so.

I think two white flag poles should flank the cannon... We could fly a 13-star colonial American flag and just below an official whale flag.

Finally, there is the little beach that spreads out for 50 yards in an arc along the bay to the west of Long Wharf. It's an artificial beach carpeted in sand. At the back of the sand in the grass are park benches from which visitors can look out at this lovely scene. But, in the summer, there is no shade there because there are no tall trees at the back of the beach.

Tall trees would, of course, block the view coming down Main Street and out to the bay. But if we put a few of them for the summer only—I'm thinking tall potted palm trees—we could take them away the rest of the year. I'm thinking four of them in a row. They'd offer the needed shade. And then, in the winter, they'd be gone. Perhaps, on the back of four trucks, to Palm Beach.

Also, this sandy beach, created just 20 years ago, should have its own name.

Call it Whistle Beach.

Please Forward

It's Time for the End of the World, and I've Written a Letter

BY DAN RATTINER

Dear Universeling:

Please forgive me for addressing you as "universeling." I first wrote this letter with the salutation "Dear Alien" but on further thought thought it no longer appropriate. Before what will be happening around midnight tonight, it would have been appropriate. We, before midnight, would be Earthlings, and you, from our perspective, would be the aliens. By the time you read this, however, since the earth is coming to an end according to the Mayan calendar at midnight tonight, we will be toast. So you are now, without us, a universeling, and, I am sure, proud of it. After all, there but for the grace of God go you. So you still survive.

The reason I am writing this is because I would like you to know that in this place, at one time, in between the second and fourth planet circling the sun, there was the Earth, visible to you as a green-and-blue spinning ball with puffs of white clouds around it.

Oh well.

It was a grand place. There were all sorts of creatures, great and small. There were fish in the ocean (there were oceans, five in all), and there were snakes and birds and buffalo and penguins and other things, including human beings, who all walked or wiggled or swam or flew over this place and enjoyed it all immensely.

We human beings took charge of it for about the last 1,000 years. We had language, we could write things (this is an example), we could flip switches and have the lights turn on or off, we could have chicken cacciatore, we could drink beer or wine and we could go places in automobiles, this and all of the above largely made possible by our treasured big brains and opposable thumbs. Perhaps you had noticed this before. Indeed, we think you did. Does the year 1955 and Lubbock, Texas mean anything to you? "Flying Saucers?" Maybe not.

In any case, toward the end, we began to burn oil and coal into *(Continued on page 62)*

Shinnecock Political Battle Continues

BY ROBERT SFORZA

Despite two tribal votes to oust two trustees in July and October from their positions, the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs still recognizes Lance Gumbs and Gordell Wright as members of the Shinnecock Indian Nation's Board of Tribal Trustees.

Six weeks ago it appeared that the Shinnecock Indian Nation might have a new political face after a handful of its members, including those two trustees, seemed to have been voted out the door.

However, the nation's tribal council, a group that advises the tribal trustees, suggests the tribe request a federal mediator to settle this dispute before any finalized resolution is acknowledged, which the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) supports.

Shinnecock Tribal Trustees Gumbs and Wright, along with Gaming Authority members Barré Hamp and Phillip Brown IV are the four political leaders who were removed in the disputed vote after allegedly attempting to negotiate for a second casino outside their contract with Gateway Casino Resorts. (The fifth figure is former Tribal Council member Charles Randall, who is being banned from representing the tribe in any way in the future.) However, Gumbs and Wright never acknowledged the July or October votes, ultimately believing their oust was part of a political coup.

BIA regional director Franklin Keel supports the notion of having a federal mediator intercede and resolve the tribe's conflict internally, and clarify how the tribe is allowed to legally remove its members.

"We are currently working on making arrangements for a federal mediator to discuss and determine the official charges against these four tribal officials," says Keel. "The mediator will also gather details over the two rapid votes that the tribe held a few months ago."

Keel notes that since the Shinnecock's achieved federal recognition in 2010, the federal bureau has never received a written document delineating the tribe's governing procedures.

Keel admits that there are several open-ended questions on the Shinnecock bylaws on the process of removing any *(Continued on page 52)*

Noise *(Continued from page 47)*

that an ambulance was unable to respond to a call on East Lake Drive. (The patient was eventually transported by a squad car to meet the ambulance on Montauk Highway.)

Still, the party organizers seemed pleased as punch with Watts's girlfriend, Jeanann Williams, was quoted as saying that Shark Attack Sounds gets "bigger and better each year." The event has achieved legendry status—but among many residents, it is legendary for reasons far from those Watts had intended.

While Jilnicki intimated that revisions to the code would take place, fed-up homeowners made note that offenders who have repeatedly violated the present code have not been brought to justice. Adjudicating these matters is a time-consuming process, noted the town attorney. And it is apparently a process that does little for the people whose lives are affected by noise.

Off-season at Ruschmeyer's in Monatuk

K. Maier

Residents of the Shepherd's Neck area of Montauk have been particularly hard hit by the tides of change. Gripes about live music from Solé East resort are a constant for those who live in the area. Dave Ceva, an owner at the property, has made every effort to make nice with the neighbors, but anything short of cutting out the music—a consistent and obviously vital component to his business—means some noise will persist.

The Shepherd's Neck problem has particularly been exacerbated for residents of Second House Road, who have dealt with everything from noise to public urination on a regular basis in the summer months, which some say is related to the crowds at Ruschmeyer's. The bold private property signage that at least one homeowner has taken to decorating the lawn with is hardly attractive, but also an apparent necessity.

Montauk residents are no strangers to live music—the Rolling Stones used to tear it up back in the day!

A mild silver lining offering the possibility of at least a temporary reprieve for those neighbors is the recent rumor s uggesting that Ruschmeyer's may be closed for good. The scuttlebutt suggests, however, that the closure is the result of a rent dispute and has nothing to do with violations in noise the business may have racked up in the summer.

In an enclave where residents are no strangers to live music—hell, The Rolling Stones used to tear it up out here, back in the day—it begs the question whether things have really changed so much for the worse. But something most certainly has changed.

Jimmy Barnes, a retired Montauk restaurateur whose last go at the industry included a bar called Lakeside, which was sold and reincarnated under new ownership as The Surf Lodge, mused over the situation during a dinner with friends last week. Despite the revelry that occurred at the popular spot in the days when he owned it, he said the establishment never had any problems with noise or complaints from neighbors—certainly, none such as these.

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Dan's Papers Literary Prize Books Now Online

BY ERIC FEIL

Amid the fray of year-end lists celebrating the best of this and the best of that, bibliophiles are happily sharing their picks for Best Books of the Year in their many forms. Best Fiction Books. Best Picture Books. Best Works By Authors Born at Noon on February 29. In that spirit, we have a list of our own to share: Best Writing About Life in the Hamptons, Montauk and the North Fork by Residents and Visitors. The list contains two books. And we know the only place you can find them.

When the first annual Dan's Papers $6,000 Literary Prize for Nonfiction was awarded in August 2012—the first literary prize ever offered on the eastern end of Long Island for short literary nonfiction—it was also announced that all the submissions would be published in an online volume. We've doubled that. Exclusively at Danshamptons.com/literaryprize, we have collected every work accepted to the contest into two digital books: "Hamptons Review 2012" the full set of more than 400 stories, and "Hamptons Memories 2012," a special collection of reminiscences about the East End.

Dan's Papers has showcased artists on its covers for more than a quarter-century, and the inspiration for the Dan's Papers Literary Prize came from a vision of doing the same thing for those practicing the art of the written word. A community whose renowned resident writers have included George Plimpton and John Steinbeck, Kurt Vonnegut and E.L. Doctorow and countless others, the Hamptons has long inspired outstanding writing and storytelling. As Barnes & Noble chairman Len Riggio said onstage during the Literary Prize awards gala and presentation at Guild Hall in East Hampton on that unforgettable August day, the writers who submitted stories to this contest did that longstanding tradition proud.

"This contest has put an exclamation point on my notion of the genius of everyday people," Riggio said. "Quite simply, the entries were awesome, and more than a pleasure to read. Many revealed a piece of our culture and natural habitat I quite frankly never knew existed."

Since the inaugural contest was launched early in 2012, we've published various entries in the paper and online at Danshamptons.com, sharing a selection that exemplifies the breadth of voices and styles that made the contest so special. You've read about celebrities and fishermen, about drives along the North Fork and perfect days at the beach. You've enjoyed the two second-prize essays—"Littoral Drifter" by Susan Cohen and "Waiting for the Ferry" by Jean Ely—and the grand prize winner, "Magic Shirts" by James K. Phillips.

And the response has been overwhelming, each story whetting readers' appetites for more. But only the Literary Prize judging committee had the opportunity to read the full complement of entries (the judges for the first year competition were as follows: Martin Shepard of The Permanent Press, author Chris Knopf, radio personality Bonnie Grice, book reviewer Joan Baum, editor Elise D'Haene, and Jim Marquardt, the Chairman of Marquardt and Roche Advertising, along with Len Riggio). Only that select audience was able to experience everyone's story...until now. Enjoy.

Visit Danshamptons.com/literary prize to read both "Hamptons Review 2012" and "Hamptons Memories 2012." In addition, you can watch video highlights of the awards ceremony and enjoy the reading of "Magic Shirts" by Emmy Award–winning broadcast journalist Pia Lindstrom.

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This way to resolution?

of its trustees from office, especially since the extent of the charges made against these targeted parties remains ambiguous.

"At this time we are requesting that the nation provide the BIA with a detailed explanation of all the procedures and doings, whether minor or substantial that led to this situation be clearly noted," says the director. "We want to inquire more about these bylaws since the tribe continues to take formal action, yet for much of this time has been down to one eligible trustee."

Keel feels confident that within the upcoming months the situation will smooth itself out. He believes the mediator and the tribe will be able to proceed and to proceed fairly quietly.

Gumbs and Wright sent a letter to all tribal members last month, bearing a tribal-trustee letterhead, calling attention to a recent federal Bureau of Indian Affairs correspondence stating Gumbs and Wright will continue to be recognized as tribal trustees. Furthermore, the BIA suggested a federal impartial moderator should be positioned to resolve this crucial situation.

If Gumbs and Wright's appeals had fallen by the wayside, tribal Trustees Chairman Randy King would be the only member of the sitting Trustees remaining.

But the tribe's proceedings at the conclusion of last month may complicate things further. In the closing days of November the tribe appointed three men to an advisory board of former trustees.

King, the chairman of the Tribal Trustees, has yet to comment further on the matter.

All three of the newly appointed advisory board members are no strangers to the tribe's political life. All have served the board in the past. However, two of the three new trustees, Brad Smith and Avery Dennis Jr., served on a committee this summer that investigated and consequently provided the tribe with the claim for removing Gumbs and Wright from their post. Keel did not comment on the subject.

Six weeks ago, it appeared that the Shinnecock Indian Nation might have a new political face after a handful of members seemed to have been voted out the door.

The ousted tribe members came under fire after the rest of the tribe and its casino partner, Gateway Casino Resorts, accused those men of attempting to skirt an existing casino-development contract with the casino company by exploring separate deals and trying to attain property in Brookhaven as a possible casino site.

Despite the developments over recent months, the director remains confident that a federal mediator, when officially assigned, will help facilitate a settlement between the expelled tribal members and the rest of the Shinnecock Nation.

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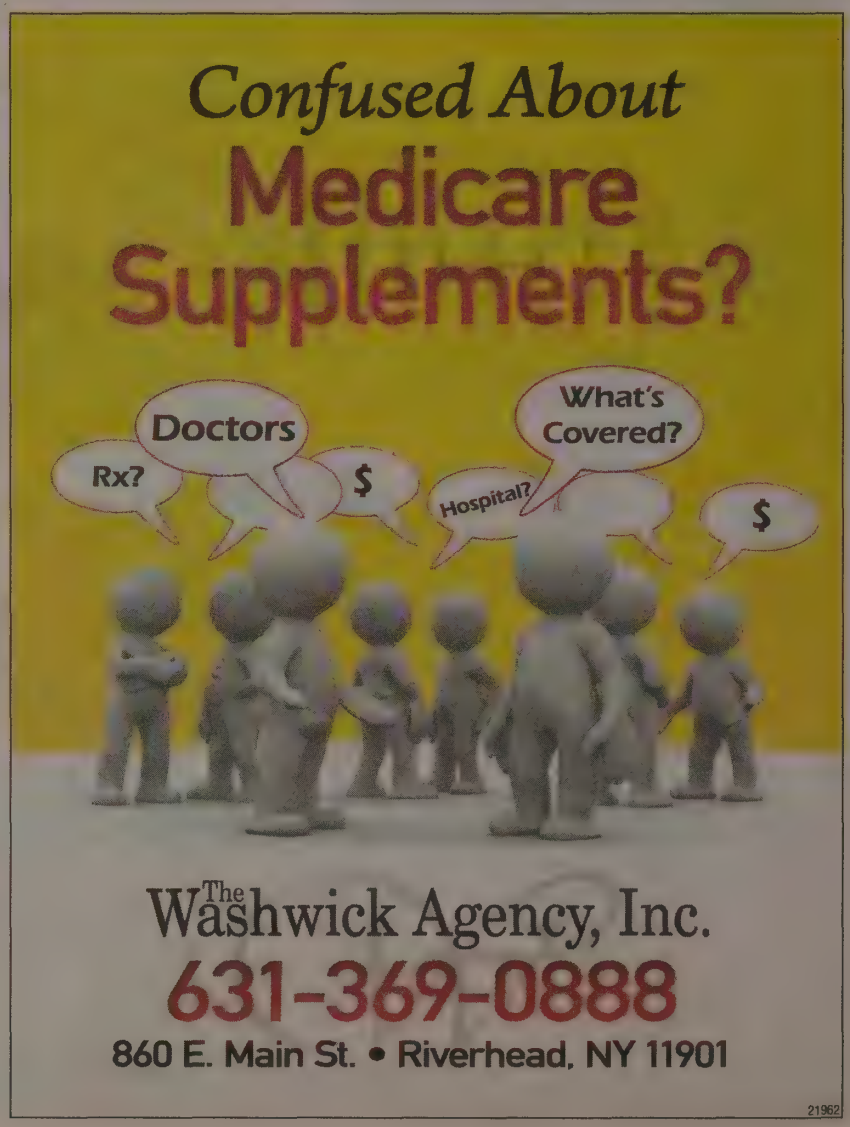

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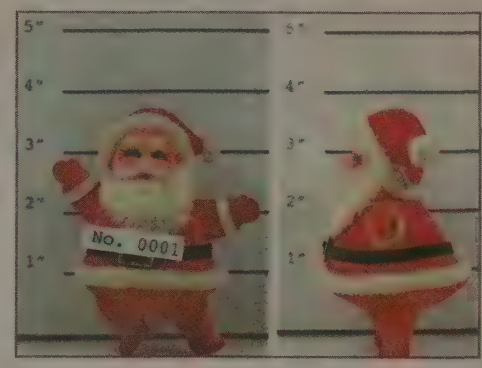
Santa Is Coming to Town and Bringing a Disclaimer

BY MR. SNEIV

Rumor has it that this may be the last year that Santa visits the Hamptons. Last week I was having lunch with my personal insurance representative, Mr. Snodgrass, from Lloyd's of London Insurance, and he informed me that an unusual number of lawsuits against the Jolly One have occurred in the past few years. In fact, he indicated that if something doesn't change, Santa may be forced to cease all activity before next Christmas.

According to Snodgrass, Lloyd's insures Clause and his entourage against lawsuits and claims from various potential areas of liability and his annual premiums are now in excess $50 billion.

It seems one particular area of ongoing litigation is the damage being done by reindeer hooves while landing on rooftops. And some of them are totally bogus. A lady in Water Mill, who I will not name, filed a $122,862.22 lawsuit against Santa last year for roof damage. Never mind the fact that the claim was filed on December 23 and Christmas is not until the 25th.



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Have you seen this man?

Another attack on Santa was from a man in Quogue, who asserted that damage was done to his hardwood flooring as a result of Santa's tracking soot into his home. Luckily, the homeowner was prosecuted for filing a false claim after it was determined that he had a gas fireplace.

But the greatest area of real liability and source of lawsuits has resulted from Santa not being able to keep up with the many toy recalls and product safety warnings.

When I was a kid it was easy for Santa because toys were made of wood or steel. Santa was also respected and appreciated. And besides that, everyone wasn't so litigious then.

Snodgrass went on to say that his offices had recommended to Santa's counsel that this year he include a disclaimer that would be left at each house along with the presents. He was nice enough to give me an advanced copy:

The greatest area of real liability has resulted from Santa not being able to keep up with the many toy recalls and safety warnings.

Dear Occupant,

Please be advised that the toys and items I have delivered may not be safe to use. In fact, most toys can be dangerous, especially if used incorrectly, including dolls, bears, swing sets, Tasers and mace. Accordingly, you will need to use them at your own risk. If you do use one of the presents I have delivered and injury occurs as a result, please be advised that not me or any of my elves are responsible as such. If you find a piece of coal in your stocking, please do not eat the coal. Ingestion of coal may lead to serious health issues and even death. Also, please be advised that Mrs. Clause and I will no longer be accepting legal service at the North Pole. Please direct all legal matters to Goldstein, Levy and Bassett of Manhattan.

So there you have it. If we do not do something after this holiday season to reduce the liability to Santa, we may be facing a very gloomy Christmas next year.

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The Check for Kelly Lester's Fish Is in the Mail?

BY DAN RATTINER

What would happen if someone came on your property, stole something, sold it to a nearby store for several hundred dollars, bragged about it and, when confronted, agreed he had stolen it? He'd be arrested, of course, and the next day arraigned and brought before a judge.

Well, the first part of this is essentially what happened to the family of Kelly Lester on Abraham's Path in East Hampton in the summer of 2011. But it has taken a year and a half, a state assemblyman, an attorney and an arm of the federal government to get the larger matter settled. And not only have the Lesters not been repaid, nobody has gone to jail.

I think how this matter has taken up so many people's time, has involved such effort and has not been about jailing the culprit, but has only been about getting the value of what the thief stole back to the owner. And even that took nearly a full year and a half.

It's also a story about corruption, bureaucracy, insensitivity to regular people trying to earn a living, and about fishermen.

East Hampton has a long history of people laboring to bring fish and shellfish out of the sea. It's not exactly a secret. The Bonackers, which is the name the local folk gave to themselves, have been clamming, surfcasting, setting lobster pots and catching fish in nets from boats since the first settlers landed here in 1639.

The descendants of these early settlers bear the prominent family names of their founders. Lester is one such name, and one of the descendants is Kelly Lester, who lives with her kids in a small house on Abraham's Path between the railroad tracks and the Montauk Highway. Her brothers, her uncle, Kelly herself, they often bring in loads of fish, clams and scallops. The Lesters freeze some, eat some for dinner and put others out in an ice chest by the road with a sign on it saying how much it is a pound and just put the money in the nearby bucket to buy it.

On July 8, 2011, a man working for the Department of Environmental Services, Richard Maggio, came on the property, confiscated nearly 100 pounds of fluke and porgies because he didn't see the proper tags and believed Kelly's brother Paul Lester had more than the legal limit of fish as far as he could see, and then took these confiscated goods—some of which was the Lesters' dinner—brought them to Stuart's Fish Market around the corner and sold them for $202.05. When Paul found the man at the market and wanted the fish back, the DEC officer reportedly said, "It's too late." Paul was then cited with possessing untagged fish and also with possessing more than his daily limit of fish. Kelly was given a summons for allegedly selling shellfish to the public without a permit, a misdemeanor.

After pleading not guilty that August, Kelly and Paul Lester appeared in Town Court to answer the charges in October 2011. Present was Maggio, the DEC officer who had issued the summons and confiscated the fish. Also present were lawyers and a packed courtroom of friends of the Lesters.

Justice Lisa Rana heard both sides. She determined that the DEC agent had come onto the property without a warrant. She determined that he had not actually seen any clams or fish being sold. He did say that he had seen a "Shellfish For Sale" sign. The Lesters were found not guilty.

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The Lester's Clam Stand

At this point, the focus of the case shifted to the matter of the $202.05. Shouldn't it be returned to the Lesters? Of course it should. The amount was in lieu of the "evidence" that was taken.

Now it turned out that there was no law on the books of the DEC which says that if they confiscate evidence at a crime scene, and it turns out that the perpetrator of the so-called crime is *(Cont'd on next page)*

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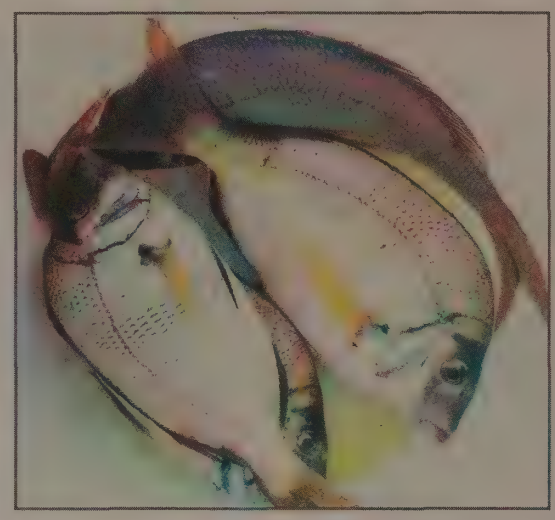
proven innocent, the DEC has to return the evidence. So, no dice.

As a result of this rebuff, the Lesters' attorney argued that what really happened here was that his clients were denied their rights to due process since the DEC sold the evidence prior to the trial. The Lesters also took the matter to our state Assemblyman Fred Thiele, and Thiele has looked into it, declaring that this rule needs to be changed so that evidence, or what has been gotten in lieu of evidence, cannot be seized without a warrant or probable cause. This process is now underway.

None of this, however, was getting the $202.05 back.

And so the matter has closed. Or has it? What about the trespassing on private property?

There are members of the Lester family who do have licenses to commercially sell shellfish, of course. And one of them is Kelly Lester's uncle, James Lester. The clams were being sold by James, he verified, under the auspices of his commercial license. Indeed, he had them on the lawn of his niece. It was perfectly legal. And so, not only was Kelly Lester acquitted of having committed a crime by having these clams up for sale, there was no crime whatsoever that ever took place. Paul Lester was acquitted, too. Therefore, they saw no legal mechanism whereby the DEC could keep the confiscated seafood, or the proceeds from selling it.



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This position was presented to the New York State Department of Environmental Services, and, on September 19, 2012, the Lesters' attorney learned of the decision to return the money to the Lester family, a fact that was confirmed by DEC spokesperson Lisa King in an email to the media.

"We will be returning the seized assets to James Lester for $202.05," she wrote. "This has not occurred yet, but DEC's attorney has made arrangements with their attorney."

And so the matter has been closed. Or has it? What about trespassing on private property? There has been a crime committed here. There was the theft. And what about the interest earned during the last year on the possession of the $202.05?

This whole matter has gone all the way up to the desk of Governor Andrew Cuomo. Considering not only this indignity but many others—an underfunded and apparently inaccurate measure of the fish stocks by the DEC, the overcharging of local fishermen for minor infractions, harassing them for paperwork and, in a major scandal involving another level of fishing regulation bureaucracy, the determination that the National Marine Fisheries Service had been overseeing commercial fishing in the northeast by confiscating fishing boats and motor vehicles with a recklessness beyond all bounds of decency—the Governor joined with other regional governors to declare that regulation measures have severely limited the catches being brought in by the industry and that the area be declared a "disaster area." On September 18, 2012, the U. S. Department of Commerce issued a disaster declaration for the region, making it eligible to receive tens of millions of dollars.

Thus do the authorities harass our local fishermen, steal their fish, trespass their property and fight for a year and a half before agreeing to return $202.25. Perhaps the Lesters will get a present before the new year.

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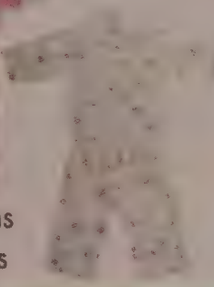

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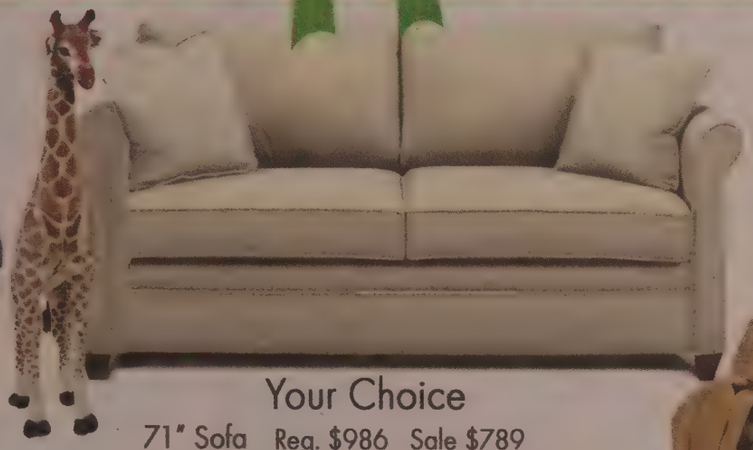

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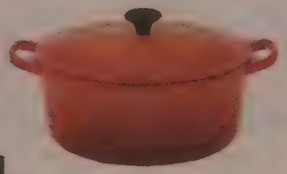

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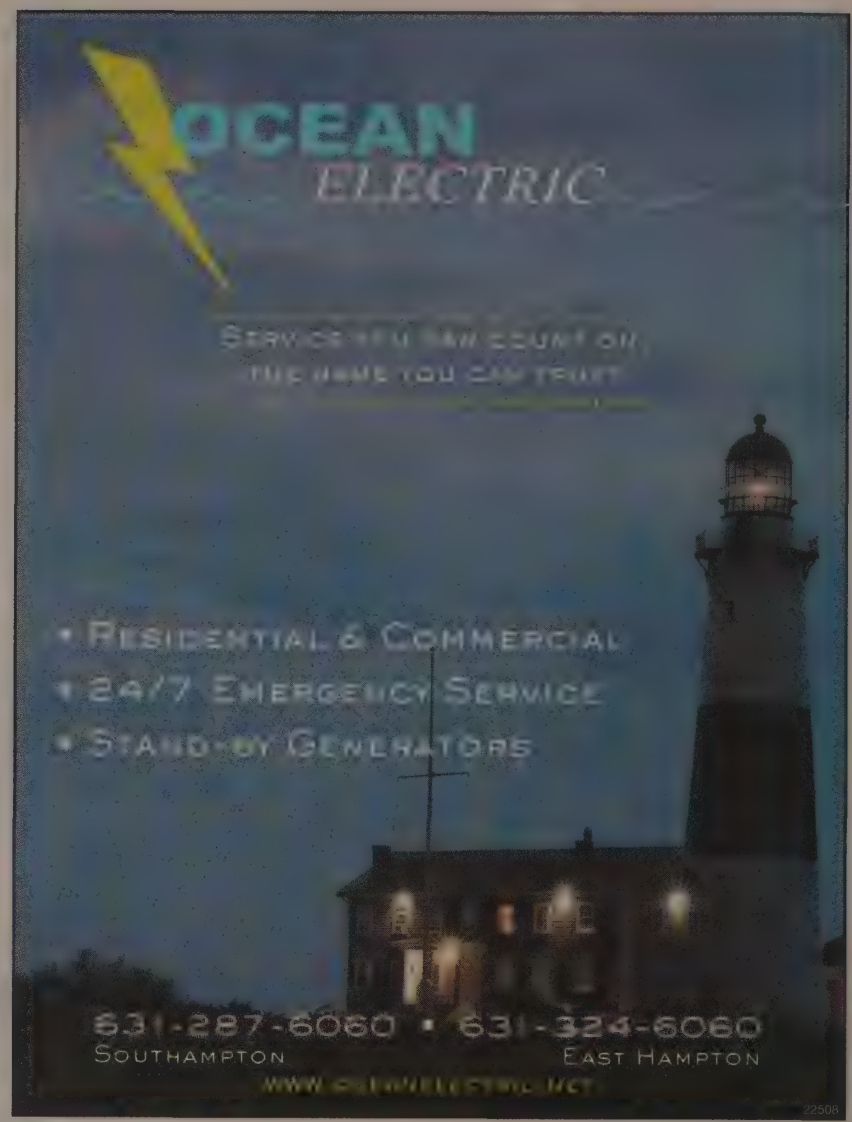

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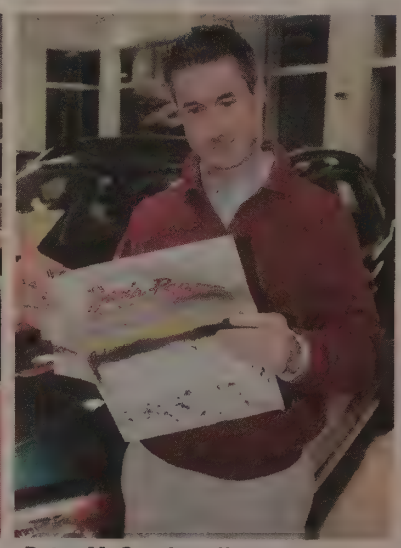
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BY DAN RATTINER

The intellectual reputation of the Hamptons comes from its hundreds of artists, writers and playwrights. The artists came first, late in the 1940's, with the arrival of Jackson Pollock and Willem deKooning. The writers came later, in the 1950's and 1960's. Today the Hamptons is home to novelists Leon Uris and E. L. Doctorow, writers Kurt Vonnegut and Joe Heller, the author of *Catch 22*. Playwright Lanford Wilson won the Pulitzer prize two years ago, as did Edward Albee 20 years ago. Peter Mathiessen won a Pulitzer for his book *Men's Lives* one year ago. There are literally hundreds of other writers, who have won awards or have books on the bestseller lists, all living in the Hamptons, Montauk and on the North Fork.

Wikipedia

Truman Capote relaxing

It is possible to see what it was like when the artists first came here in the late 1940's. The home and studio of Jackson Pollock in the Springs has been preserved, under the administration of Stony Brook University. Lectures are given and tours are available. The interior of this home has been restored to very much what it looked like when Jackson Pollock and his wife Lee Krasner lived there in the 1940's and 1950's.

No such monument to the arrival of the writers here exists. Yet. Arguably, the first internationally known writers on the East End were John Steinbeck and James Jones. But Steinbeck really conducted his retirement here and James Jones' best work *From Here to Eternity* was long behind him.

Perhaps no individual writer marked the awakening of the writers' community in the Hamptons so much as Truman Capote. He lived in Sagaponack, wrote his acclaimed work *In Cold Blood* there, and along with Willie Morris and James Jones, became the original focus of the legendary writers' hangout on Main Street in Bridgehampton known as Bobby Van's.

Now, it turns out, the home of the late Truman Capote, who died in 1984, has been given to the Nature Conservancy.

The home is a modest affair, surrounded by hedgerows on a broad two-acre lawn, and it is at the corner of Daniels Lane and Peters Lane a short walk—1,000 yards—from the Atlantic Ocean.

For Capote, who had also become a national celebrity in the 1970's and 1980's, his home in Sagaponack was his retreat. Capote in his later years was in movies, on talk shows, at fundraisers and parties. He was a tiny man with a high, squeaky voice and with his trademark white hat; he cut a fascinating figure among the glitterati in both Manhattan and Hollywood.

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Capote was also openly gay. And his lifelong companion, a former Broadway show dancer named Jack Dunphy, lived almost the entire time in Sagaponack from April to October. Dunphy prepared beautiful dinners, wrote and painted, and he'd go almost every day for a swim in the ocean. From the house just 1,000 feet away, you could hear the thunder of the breakers, and you could see the fine mist of the salt sea air which often moved as much as a mile inland from the beach.

Capote, meanwhile, was a busybody in Bridgehampton. For those of us who remember him, he was in and out *(Cont'd on next page)*

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Capote *(Continued from previous page)*

of all the shops, he frequently stopped at Bobby Van's where a special table had been set aside for him, and he drove around in an old red convertible, his trademark in these parts.

Capote was only 59 years old when he died, apparently from liver complications exacerbated by the intake of too much alcohol. He died in a spectacular setting, in the guest bedroom in the Hollywood home of Johnny Carson's ex-wife Johanna. When the funeral was over, it became Jack Dunphy's concern to determine the fate of the home.

Not long after Capote's death, Dunphy had lunch with Gerald Clarke, the author of the biography of Truman Capote. At this lunch, Dunphy asked Clarke to be the executor of his will. He hoped that after his passing, the home could be used as a writers retreat. Clarke looked into it, but said that would cost more money than Dunphy had available. Clarke then suggested that Dunphy will the home to the Nature Conservancy.

Jack Dunphy died in April of this year at the age of 77. And the house has now been received by the Long Island chapter of the Nature Conservancy, Sara Davison, director.

Davison says she was surprised and thrilled that the home passed into the Conservancy's hands. According to Conservancy rules, developed private property donated to the Conservancy is to be sold and the proceeds used to buy land in the wild for preservation. The appraised value of the property is about $800,000 and though this is not a huge sum, the money could be used to buy more acreage along the greenbelt spanning East Hampton and Southampton, or acreage out in Montauk for nature conservation. A bronze plaque, noting the donation from Dunphy and Capote, will be erected wherever these new purchases are made.

As for the Capote property, it seems very likely that the structures there will just be bulldozed down. They are really quite small. A new big summer mansion, perhaps designed by a well-known architect, would be more in keeping with this proximity to the beach.

The Capote property currently has two structures on it. One of them, a wooden cottage with a sun porch is just 1,400 square feet. The other is even smaller, just 800 square feet and had been a gift from Capote to Dunphy. The two could be alone or apart, as they wished. Friends of this twosome remember long, graceful dinners, prepared by Dunphy and served at the long wooden table set up by the grape arbor on the patio. There were quiet evenings of reading here, of Capote writing on his Facit manual typewriter in a little study, of Dunphy painting on an easel set up in the living room of his cottage.

It is not the Nature Conservancy's fault that they are treating Truman Capote's home like they might any other developed property. They are in the business of saving land in the wild.

But for $800,000, which will benefit the Nature Conservancy, some angel could come along and also save the home of this unusual and extraordinary writer. Jack Dunphy was right. It would make a wonderful place where young writers could come and find a peaceful work place for a few hours, just a short walk from the beach. They could find inspiration, working among the paraphernalia of Capote's 1960's and 1970's. This home could serve the writers community in the same way the Pollock-Krasner House in the Springs serves the artists community.

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black fumes that crowded the atmosphere so much, they blocked out the sun and caused the planet's temperature to go up. Things were going haywire, but, mostly, we did nothing about that. We expected, I think, that some solution to this problem would appear when it got real bad and we'd be all right then, but the truth is we never got that far to find out.

Tonight, at midnight, December 21, 2012, everything goes poof. Just what this "poof" is I do not know. If I could, I would. But I can't, so I won't.

Why am I writing this? It's something in our nature, our human nature, that wants to inform others. None of the other creatures here care one way or another about informing outsiders. To them it is live for the day. It's here today, gone tomorrow and let bygones be bygones. They don't give a hoot.

Be it known that Earth was here.
It was quite something.
We were very proud of it.

But we humans, we want to leave a record, a mark that at one time we were here. It's like when they changed the name of Idlewild Airport to John F. Kennedy International Airport so we'd remember the mark he made on our experience here on Earth, which, I can tell you, was considerable. But I won't bore you with it.

This newspaper will have been printed the day before the end. It will have been distributed. If the world ends by explosion or fire, I know there is little possibility that anyone in the great vacuum of the universe is going to pick up even a small fragment of this newspaper to read my words here.

But I do think there is another way. We now know there are radio waves that emanate from this planet, that we have, in recent years, harnessed and organized to serve us as radio or TV programs, as telephone communications services and Internet networks. We use these radio waves to send information off to robots we created who have traveled to other planets to do our bidding. So yes, this is there, retained and suspended invisibly in the air forever, to be retrieved by whoever wants to take the time to wade through the tons of words and dates to come across it.

We Tweet, we message, we email. It's up there. And we CANNOT erase it even if we want to. If we press DELETE, it goes into some unused section of the Internet and stays there in a big junk pile. It never goes away. Even if we lose all Wi-Fi in this explosion, which I am sure we will, it is still up there. All Wi-Fi does, really, is allow us to retrieve. We of course will no longer be here to do that retrieving. But that doesn't mean you can't.

And so, universelings, please feel totally free to sift through all this. And thus, you will someday come upon this missive.

Hi there:

Be it known that Earth was here. It was quite something. We living on it, those of us who were self-aware, were very proud of it. We felt awe, inspiration, specialness. That may have led to hubris, which is a bad thing, but I'm sure you can forgive us that.

Please give our regards to the Creator, he who made us all, you included. We are, or were, all brothers and sisters, now maybe in Wi-Fi form again, waiting to be downloaded by you so we might spring forth.

It is 10 minutes to midnight. I am pressing SEND now.

God bless you and good luck. I am Dan Rattiner, earthling.

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Flat Fish

BY JASON SHIELDS

By now the grasses sway free of the slush ice and you can smell the mud again and feel it under the heel of your boot. From the northeast a stiff breeze rushes off the harbor and through the small locust trees anchored to the loam by knobby roots. It's light enough to see the outcroppings of mussels, and I drag my onion bag, feeling with a toe for gullies. On the water oldsquaws splash down and commence to gossip in rippling, ancient chants. It is a timeless language of unequivocal and mocking truth.

I am to fill the onion bag three-quarters with bank mussels. My orange gloves are cracked at the fingers and the mud finds its way inside. There will be no comfort until I'm near the wood stove. My mother will bring me soup and I will dismiss her soothing words because boys wanting to be men mistake caring for coddling.

I pull a clump of mussels and move on a few yards, passing others. To strip bare a good length of the bank seems sinful. And so I wade and feel for gullies with my boot toe.

The engine sputters to life at the dock, and I am on my way back. I pull myself onto the planks and walk to the boat where my father and his friend, Julius, wait. We cast the lines and head east to the inlet. The lavender band is above the horizon, blanketing the clouds, and a pink hue hovers over the dappled chop of the bay and fringes the black fingers flanking the inlet.

We meet and pass mergansers and oldsquaws darting through the narrows, tipping their wings to glide away and give us wide berth. Low over the grey water, black figures glide in procession, paralleling Mashomack's shore. I watch the lead goose guide the rest past the points, one black formless mass floating like an apparition until it is lost in the silhouette of Little Ram Island.

Turning back to the east I am met with the expanse of Gardiner's Bay. The long beach of Orient Point lies to the north. In coming months it will be pocked with fish traps made of locust posts and net, and off them pot buoys will bob and strain with the tides. Still later, the gill nets will spread, marked by flag buoys. And by early summer the upper bay will be an obstacle course of gear.

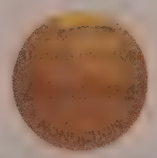
Near the tip of the point is the New London Ferry terminal. The big ferries are converted troop carriers from the Second World War. They are slow but menacing to a young boy when they pass through Plum Gut close to the fleet of small boats drifting for striped bass. We will be well away from them this morning.

Off Orient sits mysterious Plum Island. Ominous with its complexes, it is a government research facility and subject of much conjecture for locals. All afflictions are attributed to top-secret research of horrific diseases, natural and manmade. What they do upsets the balance of nature, that is, of course, unless they are just one more piece of the inscrutable puzzle.

We are heading to Cedar Point where a lighthouse juts like a barb from the end of a knitting needle. It is a waving hand promising comfort in the lee of Northwest's cliffs. Over them the late winter sun will rise and warm us slowly.

When my father puts the boat in neutral, I will reach in the cooler for a clam and slice it in strips. It will be cold and my fingers will burn. Then I must reach into the sinker bucket and find a good lead. And that too will be cold and impersonal. Nothing *(Cont'd on next page)*

Jason Shields gained an appreciation of the natural world from his father, the artist Alan Shields. Jason has written fishing and nature columns for East End publications since 1996. He lives on Shelter Island with his wife Karena.



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Guest *(Continued from previous page)*

weighs like a sinker; nothing else can replicate the sullen dull grey heft. It is a dark secret, a tedious tug, that old lead, that scarred weight.

I'm seeing and feeling all this still minutes from the spot, with Cedar Light in sight and the scalding unnatural wind rasping my face.

I look at Julius, my father's friend. His mouth is moving but he is silent to me. His black curls peek from beneath his watch cap and wiggle under the tension of fast-moving air. I move closer, pulling myself along the gunnel to be part of this conversation among men. He is talking about the subtleties of fishing for flounder, wondering aloud if the mussels should be crushed at the dock and permitted to ferment some during the ride out.

Under my father's lip a strip of light brown hair curls over his chin. Aside from his eyebrows, it was the only visible hair above his neck. On the nape of his neck someone had inked a green triangle bordered in blue. That marking and others hidden were part of him. If he had intended to be Melville's noble savage, he never let on. He was Alan, comfortable being himself.

Julius was younger than him and adjusting to a rapidly changing world. I was only a boy with no idea that the world did change, with or without my approval, and that it was under no obligation to advise me of its temperament. My father was something apart from the world. Later in life he would fight it and grow old in doing so and maybe a little bitter. Only occasionally would he laugh at the absurdity of a mortgaged society.

Easing back on the throttle, my father peers at the cliffs of Barcelona Point to the south, swings north to Nichol's Point, then ahead to Mashomack before turning east toward Cedar Point. He repeats this triangulation ritual several times. Impatient and cold, wanting the artificial breeze to cease, I stammer, "Isn't this the spot, already?"

But it is not, generally perhaps, but not precisely. It never was the first try. The wind would push and the tide would tug. A general rule was this: the hook would be pulled and reset at least once before he was satisfied.

Julius is on the anchor. I am both sympathetic and envious. His orange gloves, while keeping his hands dry, direct the rivulets of cold seawater down his cuffs. The gloves make it difficult to grasp the line and cause his fingers to cramp. The job is laborious and leaves one open to the whims of sea spray coming off the bow. And so I feel sorry for Julius. And, too, I want to be the hook puller. I want to contribute, to show my father that I am strong and courageous. But I stand back behind the helm and watch, half grateful and half resentful.

I feel the pointy spurs grab bottom, not so much feel it as sense it, watching the surface water lap past us leaving swirls of tiny bubbles. We pull up and move again without dropping a fishing line. I am ripe with impatience. "What difference does it make?" I quietly debate. "Won't the chum draw them?" I expect the sea gods to suspend their laws and have the bait float into the fish's mouth. But entitlement is not the way of my father. He knows the elements are aloof and it is man who must shape his fate in these fickle confines. We settle finally and I reach for my fishing pole.

My rod is a short, stout model given to me by my Grandpa Sena, not my adopted father's father, but my birth father's father. It needed some refitting when I got it, and Alan made it like new. I think how this gift from one grandfather, disowned in a way, could have been taken as an insult to the man who would raise me. What need do we have for a rod from him, father of the son who forsook his wife and child?

I imagine Alan easily could have felt hurt, and yet he took that rod and rewrapped the guides, replacing those that were worn, and he disassembled the reel, delicately like any other reel in his arsenal. He tenderly oiled the gears and sprockets and cared for the little Penn article like he'd made it himself. He wound new line on its spool, varnished the wood butt of the rod and presented it to me with a smile, saying, "This is a good rod." In fact, even long after I had left the crew of the Stinkpot V to stumble through early adulthood, that rod stayed on board. Its sentimental quality never wore thin in Alan's mind. Rather, I think he revered it.

And that stout rod is in my hands as Julius, my father and I release line into the waters where Little Peconic Bay meets great Gardiner's Bay. We stand on the gently swaying deck of Stinkpot III, the early day sun cloaking us as remnants of the stiff cold wind leak over the cliffs. And we wait for the flounder to bite.

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Who's Here

BY DANIEL KOONTZ

Sag Harbor's Judy Carmichael plays some mean "stride" piano. Stride is a piano style that comes from an early era in jazz, '20s jazz that people partied and danced to. It's a joyous, rollicking sound that evokes Kansas City, Chicago and the rich musical culture of the American South. It's the kind of music you might expect to hear in a smoky juke joint in Memphis.

That's why it's somewhat surprising to find out that Carmichael grew up in suburban Los Angeles, in a generic housing development in the San Gabriel Valley. Not a juke joint in sight. Even as a child, Carmichael knew she was missing something; when she was 10, she complained to her parents that their hometown was "culturally bereft." Her parents did provide her with piano lessons, but given her surroundings and the absence of artistic role models, Carmichael gave no thought to a career in music.

Carmichael's improbable path to jazz stardom didn't really begin until she was in college (she was a German major) and she took a job playing ragtime piano—according to Carmichael, she had learned about five Scott Joplin rags, which she played over and over. One day, an acquaintance gave her a recording by the great Count Basie, an early Basie stride-style piece called "Prince of Wails." The record changed her life: from that moment on, Carmichael devoted herself to learning to play like the Count.

This was a huge challenge. "I had no background—I didn't know chords, I listened and learned one note at a time. It was excruciating." Because Carmichael's hands weren't as big as Basie's, she also had to come up with adaptations through trial and error. "My advantage," she observes now, "was that I didn't know what I didn't know. I developed a unique stride style because I didn't know any other way."

Carmichael clearly also had great, undeveloped musical talents; something in the unbridled joy of stride piano caused those talents to come out. Not many people could start playing jazz in college and ever wind up playing at the level of a professional musician. For Carmichael, it took just a few years. Of course, even after she developed her chops, Carmichael was still out-of-place as a woman playing in an old-fashioned style in a man's world of smoky jazz clubs—a world that she found unfriendly and depressing.

Once again, Carmichael had to find a different path, adopting an entrepreneurial approach and making her own opportunities outside of the nightclub circuit. The extent to which she overcame the odds is astonishing; before he died, none other than Count Basie himself gave her the nickname "Stride" and explicitly named her his successor—an old jazz tradition. Now, she's on the road 200 days a year, playing all over the world. In a time when audiences for most jazz are getting older, her audiences are getting younger. This coming February, the State Department is sending her to give concerts in U.S. Consulates throughout Australia as an ambassador of American music and culture. She also produces and hosts an NPR show, "Jazz Inspired," in which she talks with successful, creative people in different fields about how jazz has inspired them. Guests have included Robert Redford, Renée Fleming and Seth McFarlane.

Judy Carmichael
JAZZ MUSICIAN

Count Basie himself gave her the nickname "Stride" and named her his successor!

Carmichael's unlikely path has made her unusually mindful of the large gaps in musical understanding in American culture today—how today's young people are even less likely than she was to listen to anything besides pop music, music that she feels is valid but is the musical equivalent of junk food.

"There's nothing real in it. It's like a quick fix—there's no complexity. You can quote me on that!"

Rather than simply wringing her hands about this state of affairs, the Grammy nominee is adopting a characteristically pro-active and entrepreneurial stance, founding an educational program, "Jazz: Listening for Life," that provides live jazz performances in schools.

"The Baby Boomers are the last generation to grow up with exposure to music with a complex harmonic structure, lyrics and melody—the 'Standards,'" she observes. "Also, many young people have music devices plugged into their ears at all times, for a 'soundtrack of their life' rather than as something they're listening to in an engaged way. The skills for engaged listening are being lost and we want to address that." Carmichael established a foundation to pay for "Jazz: Listening for Life," and has received donations from as far away as Hungary.

"It's important because, unlike pop songs that might speak to people on a surface level, songs like Hoagy Carmichael's 'Skylark,' songs by great lyricists and great composers, speak to the depths of emotions that we all experience." Many times, young audience members have approached Carmichael after a concert to tell her how a particular song or lyric had touched them, often in a way that helped them understand their own complicated feelings.

It shouldn't come as any surprise that Carmichael continues to develop her talents as determinedly now as when she first started out. She recently took up singing—after a lifetime of serious vocal challenges and several operations. In part, she just became frustrated that so many bad singers manage to have careers while so many phenomenal instrumentalists are starving.

"I'm reminded of David Tull's song 'The Minutes Pass Like Hours When You Sing.' That's what it's like being a sideman for a bad singer!" she says somewhat impoliticly.

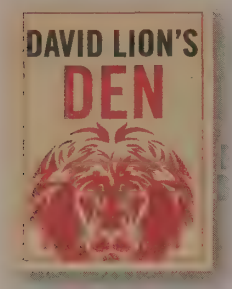
Though she may have started singing to prove a point, her singing has opened up a whole new aspect of performing for Carmichael, allowing her to expand the emotional range of her music. She now sees herself gravitating toward writing lyrics as well, perhaps in collaboration with her saxophonist Harry Allen.

Carmichael loves the Hamptons, and especially Sag Harbor, where she now lives full-time. She loves the small-town feel, the quiet off-season, and also the way in which artists, writers and musicians mingle with the general public—something that she notes doesn't happen in the city. Sag Harbor's strong identity is something we might take for granted, as we might the routine access to great music performances and theatre that we have here, but when you think of the cultural deserts like the place Carmichael comes from, you remember how amazing this place is. If Carmichael's efforts to educate young people can play any part in making other places more like Sag Harbor, we should be all for it!

Speaking of Sag Harbor, Carmichael will be giving a recital there at The American Hotel on March 23, 2013. Tickets are $100, which includes dinner. Call 631-725-3535 for reservations. For more about Carmichael, visit www.judycarmichael.com

Christmases Past and Memorable Presents

BY DAVID LION RATTINER



Every year during this time I go through the Christmas family dance. This is not a dance that I enjoy very much. As anyone who knows me knows, I have no great love for any dancing, but this one in particular.

The Christmas family dance is a series of phone calls between my mother and father, who have been divorced since I can remember and who try and outsmart each other into figuring out what day they should expect to see my brother and me—on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve. Or maybe both.

I think I passed out from screaming so loud when I opened up my Christmas present to find w in the box.

In the old days, the combination of the Christmas Eve dinner and sleepover was considered the parental coup. One parent would get us at night and the next morning, and as long as the presents we got were awesome, my brother and I would want to stay a little bit longer. If there were bad presents, we couldn't wait to leave to go to the other house.

Now that I'm 30 and my brother is 29, the dance has changed. Now it's just a series of phone calls, hellos, "thanks for the sweater, you're welcome for the wine, this is some really great chicken, work is fine, things are good, yes that's a great movie, I know it's just terrible what the news reported last week, yes it's so amazing how when you were a kid America was such a different place, yes I remember that present you got me when I was 10, no I can't fix your computer right now, yes I still have a dog and it's great, sorry we have to go, we are gonna go here now to say hi, yes that's still my e-mail address, yes your ex-husband/wife is doing fine, yes I think I'll probably go somewhere on vacation this year, yes the vacation last year I went on was fun. Okay nice to see you, Merry Christmas."

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I can easily remember the best Christmas presents of my youth. For kids these days, it's all about the iPad, it seems, but for me it was all about Sega Genesis and Game Gear.

I think I passed out from screaming so loud when I opened up my Christmas present at 10 years old to find Game Gear in the box. It was a hand console that played video games IN COLOR!!! Today, every game ever invented on this device can be played on my iPhone for free. But back then it was just so damned glorious.

The other present I remember freaking out about was Tyco's Typhoon, which is a remote-controlled hovercraft. Let me tell ya, advertising works. I can remember watching the Typhoon commercial and thinking this remote-controlled piece of crap was the solution to everything in my life. I wish I felt like this about something today (other than money).

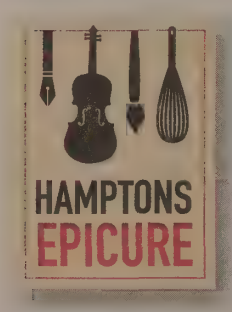
I hate to say it, but the Talkboy, which was essentially a tape recorder marketed to kids, was BY FAR the coolest gift I ever received that fell into the "You've Got to Be Kidding Me That Shouldn't Be a Toy" category. But *Home Alone* made that device a must for any kid who was planning on being stuck at home and attacked by home invaders. Now that I think about it, the premise for *Home Alone* is absolutely terrifying.

I miss being a '90s kid.

Read David Rattiner's blog daily at Danshamptons.com

A Hamptons Insider's Holiday Tips

BY STACY DERMONT



The East End is a great place to spend the holidays—yes, the WINTER holidays. This is Christmas #14 for me in the Hamptons—but my family also enjoys Chanukah celebrations with friends.

Going to church or temple on the East End is easily done. Given recent events many are now looking to houses of worship for solace.

But what about all of those holiday preparations? How can you find some healthy distraction and enjoy yourself rather than getting worn out? Here are some insider tips:

Boutiques. The East End is packed with little shops full of unique merchandise. When I'm stumped on what to get someone I check out the latest that Sylvester & Co. in Sag Harbor has to offer. They carry a small selection of groovy winter accessories, watches and doggie gifts. At the other end of the gifty timeline there's antiques. I like to hunt around The Antique Shop in Bridgehampton for jewelry and at Sage Street Antiques in Sag Harbor for decorative whatnots.

Self Preservation.

Don't forget to feed and clothe the shopper. "Self gifting" is not a crime but skipping lunch out on the shopping trail is. A few of my personal favorites for lunch include 75 Main and Le Chef in Southampton, Pierre's and Bobby Van's in Bridgehampton and The Dockside, Page 63 and the American Hotel in Sag Harbor. A lunch date is a great way to quickly catch up with a friend—and neither of you has to do the dishes.

Books are a standby gift in my family. Last Saturday I picked up two copies of Grace Coddington's latest, *Grace, A Memoir*, at her book signing in Bridgehampton. One is for me; the other is for my mother-in-law. Now we'll have something to talk about.

The East End has been home to generations of famous writers. Did you know that our local book stores offer signed copies of many of their books? And bookstores out here are cozy affairs—the owners can pretty much tell you off the top of their heads what they have that's signed. I picked up a signed copy of one of Julia Child's cookbooks from Canio's in Sag Harbor at a reasonable price plus a bunch of signed Gahan Wilson paperbacks to give as gifts.

Go Local. Local never tasted better. Eastern Long Island is not called the "New Napa of the North" for our cabbage (though it is good). It's hard to go wrong when giving local wines. And it's not wrong to "go hard" by giving local vodka or whiskey. Arrive with any of these beverages and some artisanal cheese and bread at your next gathering, and you're sure to be invited back.

Tradition. You don't have to cut down your own tree to connect with generations past. Just dust off the fine china. Sip eggnog from the mug that your grandfather did. Bring out and display more of the old family photos around the holidays. Put different generations' of childrens photos side by side. Santa likes to look at them.

Having it all.

There's bound to be some well-meaning person on your list who insists that he or she doesn't need a thing. Many years ago I studied my grandmother and her houseful of accumulated stuff. I determined that all she could possibly use were dishcloths and kitchen towels. Giving her those made her very happy. Think about practical gifts that people just don't buy themselves. Think about candles. How about an antique mason jar full of tealights to light up someone's life? How about some citronella candles and new grill utensils for the grillmaster in your family? How about a gift certificate for a favorite restaurant or to the movies? Or a DVD and some popcorn?

Homemade.

Never underestimate the warmth you give when you make a gift. What? You can't knit or crochet or hot glue or cook? One word: applesauce. Here's the one-line recipe: peel and core a bunch of apples, throw in a little hot water and cinnamon, cook until mushy—about 25 minutes. Best to use local apples—The Milk Pail Farmstand in Bridgehampton and Briermere Farms in Riverhead offer a variety of great apples.

Ah, applesauce. I like to can the stuff but you can deliver it warm, refrigerate it or freeze it.

Everyone knows it's great with latkes.

Santa's Run Off to the Caribbean!

BY KELLY LAFFEY

To Hamptons Resident Jimmy Buffett:

Thank you for recording *Christmas Island*, my all-time favorite Christmas album. As a staunch holdout on all things seasonal, I don't listen to Christmas music until Santa crosses Herald Square on Thanksgiving Day. And this year, as in many years past, "Ho Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rhum" was my premiere choice.

To All Who Have Yet to Experience the Album:

Christmas Island is catchy, fun and contains lyrics that anyone who has ever dug their home/car/dog out of a pile of snow can relate to. Who doesn't want to run off to the Caribbean as the Hamptons settles into the winter doldrums? (Even with this year's current lack of the white stuff.) Apparently the yoga instructor I've been going to at Lululemon has done just that: "Thank You Coach Jimmy Minardi for bringing us Surfer Yoga all summer and fall! We will miss you this winter! Safe travels!" they posted on their Facebook page. (I'm just guessing that he's headed South...seems like a very surfer thing to do.)

Only, it's funny, because a good friend of mine will actually spend Christmas working in the Caribbean for the second year in a row. She's a stewardess on a yacht that's based down there, but I saw her two weeks ago for a long-needed Wake Forest Cross Country alumni reunion weekend. As all five of us gabbed over dinner and plotted our training schedule for the 2013 Boston Marathon—yes, I've officially committed myself—I started thinking about...Jimmy Buffett. More specifically, the song "Merry Christmas, Alabama."

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While not as catchy as "Ho Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rhum"—really, how can you beat a song with a name like that?—it succinctly captures the spirit of Christmas. In Jimmy Buffett's signature island vibe. And this holiday season, I'm giving thanks for my friends and family, near and far. To all the great memories, and many more to come.

The Hamptons is a transient community with a rurally-but-distinctly-metropolitan vibe. So I think we can all relate to Jimmy Buffett's lyrics. Happy holidays to all!

Merry Christmas, Alabama/Merry Christmas, Tennessee/Merry Christmas, Louisiana/To St. Barths and the Florida Keys

Merry Christmas, Mississippi/Where I started this wild and crazy run/Such a long way from that first birthday/Merry Christmas, everyone

And Merry Christmas, Colorado/Though far from you all I have roamed/'tis the season to remember/All the faces, /And the places that were home

'tis the season to remember/And to count up all the ports of call I've known/And to thank his mercies tender/For I'm never far from home

Merry Christmas to my saints and guardian angels/Who protect me as I roam/'tis the season to remember/All the faces/And the places that were home

Guess my life's moved at near light speed/Since I started this wild and crazy run/Such a long way from that first birthday/Merry Christmas, everyone

'tis the season to remember/No we're never far from home/Merry Christmas, everyone.

And To All Who Think That the World Is Going to End on Friday:

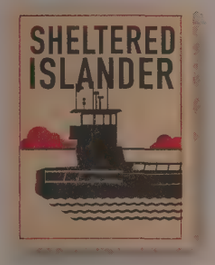
December 21 also marks the start of the winter solstice, which means that the days start getting progressively longer.

Is it too early to say "happy almost-summer?"

If anyone wants to wait out the winter in the Caribbean, let me know...

Suddenly There's No "Next Time," So Celebrate!

BY SALLY FLYNN



Time to rev up for Christmas. We will get some presents we wanted—thank God, some we don't want or like, which we will accept with a gracious "thank you." We will shoot dagger eyes at our children who open a gift in front of the giver and say, "Eww, this isn't what I wanted!" We will take phone calls from people we must talk to once a year. I personally believe that eggnog was invented specifically for the purpose of getting through those horrible—I have no idea what to say—phone calls. My donation is my annual Christmas column. I hope you like it, revised and embellished to the limit of belief of course...

I believe there are people and things and ideas that belong to the world. Mother Theresa, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Louis Pasteur, Louie Armstrong, all the great minds and artists. And I believe, Santa Claus, the person and the idea, belongs to the world too.

We learn about Santa early. We grow up a little and eventually figure out the Santa conspiracy. As teens, we denounce all of our childhood beliefs, especially Santa. We become "cool" and pretty much know everything by the time we're twenty. It's beyond comprehension to us how our dumb relatives can lead such screwed-up lives. We'll never repeat the mistakes of our parents.

Through our 20s, we shun our families for our friends and lovers. We don't need Santa, or the whole holiday mishmosh. We are all-knowing, we are powerful, we are so stupid it will later astound us.

We spend our 30s correcting all the mistakes we made in our twenties. Most of us are married with children and suddenly we hear our mother's words coming out of our mouths. We worry a lot because there is way too much month left at the end of the money.

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Our 40s are great, aside from the fact that body parts start heading south....Now you know you have all of what you need and much of what you want. You realize that money ebbs and flows in life. Money only increases options. Chicken tastes the same whether it's served on a paper plate or a golden one. And money doesn't insulate anyone from pain, loneliness or despair. Possessions become just "things," and things come and go.

What's really important is time. The days are longer and the years are shorter. Suddenly, there's not always a "next time." You might as well do what you like while it's still legal. Time to drink the good wine and eat off the fine china. You let go of grudges because while you're holding a grudge, they're out dancing....

You finally realize that your own opinion is what matters most. You've matured enough to know that you're not better than anyone else, but damn if you ain't just as good.

You rediscover your very own still amusing, still annoying family and Santa has made a dramatic comeback in your life by now. You find you need Santa more as an adult than you ever did as a child. You've seen enough tragedy and not enough miracles. But Santa is an annual miracle you can depend on. Santa lets us pause and reconnect with all our Christmas' past.

As soon as we hear Bing Crosby sing "White Christmas," we hear the sound of our own back door, the smell of our own pillow, echoes of our parents' voices. We'd give anything to be six years old once more and bound down the stairs on Christmas morning and see our disheveled parents in rumpled robes sitting on the couch, watching us through a flurry of flying ribbons and paper.

Nothing you need now can be brought down a chimney in a sack. Still, it's all right somehow. You know you're all grown up when you no longer need Santa's presents, but God above, how you still need his presence...Happy Holidays to you!

And God bless us, every one!

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY KELLY LAFFEY

Local Politicians Expand Beach Dredging Project

HAMPTON BAYS: Congressman Tim Bishop, NYS Senator Ken Lavalle and Assemblyman Fred Thiele announced that work to replenish the badly eroded beaches west of Shinnecock Inlet (WOSI) and Tiana Beach will be expanded further. The work initially began on November 30, and it is now expected to take until the end of the month, weather permitting.

The new deal will allow for an expansion of the beach rebuilding project to an additional 2,000-plus feet of beach shoreline. Approximately 450,000 cubic yards of sand will have been pumped onto the shore when the project is finished.

The work includes a previously approved project to restore the beach at WOSI to its pre-Hurricane Irene condition by adding 128,000 cubic yards (CY) of sand. An additional 115,000 CY will be dredged from the Inlet and placed west of the WOSI project area in the vicinity of Tiana Beach using funding secured by Senator Lavalle and Assemblyman Thiele through the NY Works Program.

All work will be performed under the supervision of the US Army Corps of Engineers by Great Lakes Dock and Dredge of Illinois. A cutter-head dredge named "Illinois" arrived at Shinnecock Inlet this week after completing work to close a breach in the barrier island near Cupsogue County Park on Tuesday.

Herb's Market Gets a New Owner

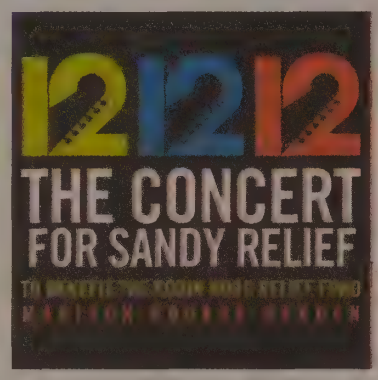
MONTAUK: "Nobody beats Herb's meat."

That's a saying in Montauk that has been around for a while and if Joe Ferraro, the new owner of Herb's Market, has anything to say, things will remain the same.

The new owner is a former employee of Lucille Lenahan and Gillian Mooney, who have decided to retire and sell the business.

The market's menu is expected to remain the same and Ferraro, who is just 30 years old, will have the market open in the winter.

Hamptons Stars Help Raise Over $30 Million



NEW YORK: Last Wednesday's celebrity-heavy 12-12-12 The Concert for Sandy Relief raised more than $30 million in tickets and sponsorships alone. Donations—which could be made online or by phone to an A-List packed call center—are still being counted.

Hamptons visitors who performed included Billy Joel, Paul McCartney, Jon Bon Jovi, Roger Waters and Chris Martin—who urged viewers to guess the average age of the performers, and then use that number as their donation amount. Other Hamptons residents and visitors included Jake Gyllenhaal, Chelsea Clinton, Jimmy Fallon, Jon Stewart and *Gossip Girl's* Blake Lively, who all shared stories of areas hardest hit. And Water Mill's Jason Kidd scored a mention in Adam Sandler's hilarious take on the classic "Hallelujah," dubbed "Sandy, Screw Ya."

The historic concert was held at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Robin Hood Foundation, which awards grants to nonprofit organizations. The event lasted from 7:30–1:30 a.m., well past its anticipated midnight ending. Many prime seats to the concert were given to first responders and volunteers who stepped up in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

Santa Claus Says Town Board Is Naughty

RIVERHEAD: During last Thursday's work session, the Riverhead Town Board got a surprise pre-Christmas visit from Santa Claus, who handed each member a special gift before heading back to his sleigh. Apparently someone thought Councilmen John Dunleavy, George Gabrielsen and James Wooten, along with Councilwoman Jodi Giglio and Town Supervisor Sean Walter were all naughty this year. Instead of toys and sweets, each of them unwrapped lumps of coal.

Memorial for Newtown Victims Placed by Hook Windmill

EAST HAMPTON: A memorial for the victims of the Newtown massacre has formed in East Hampton—a tribute from the residents of the East End to those impacted just across the Sound. Twenty-six trees, one for each of the victims of Friday's shootings, have been placed around the Hook Mill. Residents have begun decorating the trees and Sign Language of East Hampton is making 26 signs—each with a victim's name on it—to hang on the branches.

The temporary memorial is similar to one recently erected in Newtown. An anonymous donor from North Carolina gave the Connecticut town 26 five-foot trees, which have since been decorated with Christmas ornaments and plush toys.

Animal Shelter Thrift Shops Moving to One Location

SOUTHAMPTON: The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's Thrift Shops will be moving from its two shops (currently at 85 1/2 and 87 Jobs Lane) to under one roof. The new location will be at 30 Jagger Lane, Southampton across the street from Waldbaums.

SOUTHAMPTON animal shelter FOUNDATION

Until the early 2013 move, everything will be 70% off at the two Jobs Lane shops. The shop will be open on Jagger Lane as of January 2013. For more information, call 631-287-PETS.

Southampton Animal Shelter is located at 102 Old Riverhead Road West, in Hampton Bays.

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DAN'S GOES TO...

The Nutcracker

Although it was an overcast day, the mood inside Guild Hall on Sunday, December 9 was warm and inviting. Christmas cheer was definitely in the air as the last showing of "The Nutcracker" by the Hampton Ballet Theatre School took place. **Photographs by Kait Gorman**

1. Two of the young dancers from the Hampton Ballet Theatre School

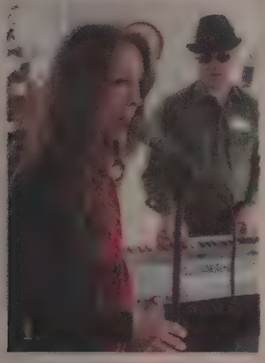
2. A dream sequence from "The Nutcracker"

3. A duet had everyone on their toes

4. A salute to a holiday classic

Fighting Chance Christmas Party

Fighting Chance hosted its annual Chrismas Party for cancer survivors, care givers, volunteers and staff featuring an array of songs performed by Terie Greene & Charly Notturno, lunch and dessert. **Photographs by Tom Kochie**



1. **Terie Greene** and **Charly Notturno** provided the entertainment
2. Fighting Chance Volunteers

3. **Nancy Lazar, Carol Porr** and **Pat Kochie**

4. **Vashonda** and **Lisa Turpin**

5. **Matilda Terrigno** gets a free massage from **Sally Stryker**
6. **Cindy Capalbo** & **Nicole Kuetner** of C's Home Management who volunteer their services cleaning houses for cancer patients.

Fuel For Food at Gurney's Inn in Montauk

It was a win/win situation at Gurney's Inn. The winners of WLNG's "Potts is at the Pow Wow" call-in contest came to collect their prize of a treatment at Gurney's famous Spa. In addition, ESi Environmental Services (contest sponsors) took the opportunity to present a generous check for $6,200 to East End Food Pantries. **Photographs by Richard Lewin**

1. **David Parisi** and **Robert DeSantis** (center) of ESi Environmental Services present a giant check to representatives from six East End Food Pantries: **Nathan and Gloria Brown, Evelyn Ramunno, Jennie Griffin Winnie, Verna Petty** and **Pauline Smith**

2. **Steve Haweeli** (WordHampton Public Relations) spoke of his personal experience with food pantries
3. **Sally Morse** (Agave Restaurant), **Michel Delafontaine** and **Julie Miller** (Vintage Pink) came to show their support

Dan's 2012 Holiday Party

Dan's Papers staffers enjoyed their annual holiday dinner at Pierre's in Bridgehampton. **Photographs by Kait Gorman**

1. The staff of Dan's Papers

2. **Dan Rattiner** and **Eric Feil**

3. **Flora Cannon, Genevieve Horsburgh** and **Lisa DiGirolamo**

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North Fork Community Theatre: Growing Strong!

BY NICK CHOWSKE

Forget Broadway! The next time you want to take in a show, look no further than the North Fork Community Theatre in Mattituck. For more than 50 years, the NFCT has been singing, dancing and entertaining the North Fork, and thanks to its many supporters, there's no curtain call in sight.

"Over the past five years, we've been working towards making sure we're going to be here for the next 50 years," said Mary Motto Kalich, an NFCT board member. Kalich led phase 1 of the Building on Tradition fundraising campaign, which raised $500,000 over the last five years—enough to purchase the theater building from the church next door. "They actually allowed us to be in it for the entire time we've been here, which is incredible," she said. "They really gave us our start, and now, wonderfully, we own our own building."

Support from the community has been the secret to the Theatre's success and longevity, according to NFCT president Robert Beodeker. "We are membership driven. Our members own the building; our members own the organization," he said. "This organization wouldn't have made it through the years if there wasn't really a future for it."

"When we began this process, I think a lot of people thought it was impossible," he said. "To raise slightly over half a million dollars in three or four years in this economy shows the heart of this organization and how much people on the North Fork care."

Now that the NFCT owns the building, it's time to begin phase 2, which involves improving the interior. "When you are a renter, there are things you don't do, but now that we own it, we need to address some of those longstanding issues," Beodeker said. "I'm confident that the energy people had that helped us buy the building will sustain us to do that."

The NFCT's season runs from September 1 through August 31, and features two plays and three musicals. "Our musicals are by far the most popular, but they're harder to put on than the plays," Kalich said. "Everyone is volunteer, and that really gets quite hard because you're devoting a lot of your time." The NFCT has just begun production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which will premiere in March.

Nicholas Chowske

NFCT's production of "How to Succeed..."

One musical each summer is performed by the Youth On Stage Program, which began more than 40 years ago, and is how Kalich got her start at the NFCT. "A lot of our board members and leaders came out of the Youth On Stage Program," she said. "One of the nice things now is that there are a couple of different families that have many generations involved, because we've been around that long."

The Youth On Stage program is exclusively for 14- to 22-year-olds.

"It's not just our East End schools," Beodeker said. "People come from other places, and over the years they go to each other's shows at each other's schools and the friendships cross high school boundaries."

Beodeker became involved with the NFCT 17 years ago, when his son auditioned for a production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Since then, all three of his children have performed on the NFCT's stage. "I can't speak highly enough of the theatre, especially for me and for my family," he said. "It's such a rich and rewarding experience."

In January, the theater will be hosting the Annual NFCT Variety Show to raise money for their scholarship program, which provides a scholarship for one graduating senior at each of the five North Fork high schools.

"It's a nice opportunity, whether some kid does magic, or wants to read drama, or plays guitar, or whatever it is," Kalich said. "My son now thinks it's normal to perform on stage and it's wonderful for him to get that kind of exposure."

Tickets are $15 for plays and $20 for musicals. For the holiday season, the NFCT will be selling a three-musical gift pack for $50 at www.nfct.com, or call 631-298-4500.

NORTH FORK

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

THIRD THURSDAYS SERIES AT BRECKNOCK HALL
6:30–7:30 p.m. East End Arts presents animation artist Don Duga. One Brecknock Road, at the entrance to Peconic Landing, Greenport. *631-369-2171 www.eastendarts.org*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

GREENPORT HOLIDAY ART FESTIVAL
Through 12/31, 18 South Street, www.thesouthstreetgallery.com, Mermania & Other Fantasies at the Siren's Song Gallery & Carriage House, 516 Main Street, www.sirensonggallery.com, Cindy Pease Roe Gallery & Studio, 190 Sterling Street, www.cindypeaseroe.com, deCordova Studio, 538 Main Street, www.hadecordova.com, Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, 234 Carpenter Street, www.harborbrewing.com, Winter Harbor Gallery, 211 Main Street, www.winterharborgallery.com, and Gallery M, 407 Main Street, *631-477-9496 www.gallerym.biz*

HISTORIC FILMS CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR WITH JOE LAURO
5:30 p.m. Shelter Island Public Library, 37 N Ferry Road, Shelter Island. Free, $10 donation appreciated. *631-749-0042 www.shelterislandpubliclibrary.org*

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE PITS: JAMESPORT VINEYARDS
7 p.m. 1216 Main Rd., Jamesport. Serving wine until 9 p.m. *631-722-5256 www.jamesportwines.com*

END OF THE WORLD PARTY AT SOUNDVIEW
9 p.m.–1 a.m. DJ & dancing. Soundview Restaurant, 58775 Route 48, Greenport. *631-477-0666 www.soundviewrestaurant.com*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

LIVE MUSIC AT PECONIC BAY WINERY
11 a.m.–5 p.m. Live music at Peconic Bay Winery every Saturday. 31320 Main Road, Cutchogue. Reservations recommended. *631-734-7361*

HOLIDAYS AT HALLOCKVILLE MUSEUM FARM
11 a.m.–3 p.m., also on 12/23. Experience Christmas past through guided tours of historic homes decorated for the season. Tours $5-7. 6038 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. *631-298-5292 www.hallockville.com*

EAT, DRINK, & BE LOCAL
Noon–7 p.m. Special holiday tasting event every weekend in December. Three wines and food pairing at Sparkling Pointe, Sanino Bella Vita Vineyard, Water's Crest Winery, & The Winemaker's Studio. Purchase weekend tickets for $45 at *631-765-0200 www.sparklingpointe.com*

SPARKLING WINE MIXOLOGY CLASS AT SPARKLING POINTE WINERY
2–4 p.m.. 39750 Country Road 48, Southold. Tickets $50. *631-765-0200 www.sparklingpointe.com*

LIVE MUSIC AT DILIBERTO WINERY
2–5 p.m. Live music. 250 Manor Lane, Jamesport. *631-722-3416*

LIVE MUSIC EVERY SATURDAY AT LIEB CELLARS
2–6 p.m. Rain or shine. Open every day from 12–7, half price glasses Mon.–Fri. from 4–7 p.m. *631-298-1942*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

LIVE MUSIC AT PECONIC BAY WINERY
11–5 p.m. Live music – reservations recommended, 31320 Main Road, Cutchogue. *631-734-7361*

PICK OF THE WEEK
DECEMBER 22 & 23
Holidays at Hallockville
11 a.m.–3 p.m. (see below)

LIVE MUSIC AT COREY CREEK VINEYARDS
1–5 p.m. Live music at Corey Creek, 45470 Main Rd., Route 25, Southold. Custom catering. *631-765-4168 www.bedellcellers.com*

LIVE MUSIC AT DILIBERTO WINERY
1–3 p.m. "Sunday With Grandma" 3-course wine pairing dinner with fresh mozzarella, homemade pasta & demo, homemade dessert – live Italian singing. $39 reservations required. 250 Manor Lane, Jamesport. *631-722-3416*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

ROLLING THUNDER AT THE ALL STAR RESTAURANT & BOWLING LOUNGE
8 p.m.–12 a.m. $18 All you can bowl, including shoes. Every Monday & Thursday. 96 Main Road, Riverhead. *631-998-3565 www.theallstar.com*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

CURRIER & IVES
Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 West Main Street, Riverhead. On view through January 25, *631-727-2881 www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org*

LADIES NIGHT AT THE ALL STAR RESTAURANT & BOWLING LOUNGE
8–11 p.m. $5 Ladies bowling & drink specials. 96 Main Road, Riverhead. *631-998-3565 www.theallstar.com*

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EVENTS
Openings, closings see and be seen.

Gateway Presents Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"

BY GENEVIEVE HORSBURGH

Gateway's production of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* brings together two brilliant Long Island natives—director David Ruttura and choreographer Mary Giattino—who are no strangers to the Gateway family, both began their successful Broadway careers at the barn in Bellport.

Based on the 1954 film of the same name, which featured Hollywood legends Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney, *White Christmas* tells the tale of war buddies Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, turned stage performers. Through a series of events, they take on the task of saving their general's failing Vermont Inn. Alongside the sister act of Betty and Judy Haynes—played by Trista Moldovan and Alissa Alter—they plan to put on a production that will put their beloved general back in business for good. We see Betty and Judy in action for the first time in the laughter inducing number "Sisters" where they dance around with giant feather fans—hilarious! After the guys watch the Haynes' performance, Judy and Phil hatch a plan to get Betty and Bob together by tricking Bob into getting on the train to Vermont.

Christopher Vettel and Matthew LaBanca take on the roles of the charming song and dance duo. When Vettel, as Bob Wallace, begins to croon, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..." the warmth of his rich voice will melt your heart. LaBanca as the carefree, fun-loving Phil Davis is a true charmer with some fine tap-dancing feet. One of my favorite numbers was the lively "I Love a Piano," where Phil and Judy lead a tap dancing routine that had my toes twitching. Not only are LaBanca and Alter ridiculously good tap dancers, but they also make a wonderful duo, staying in sync with both their feet and their voices.

General Henry Waverly is played by the familiar face of Steve Brady, who we saw this past summer as Colonel Pickering in *My Fair Lady*. As the gruff but loveable General, Waverly is once again a treat to watch. His secretary and housekeeper Martha Watson, played by the talented Beth Glover, is a fun-loving, no-nonsense lady who will make you cackle with her playful jokes and spot-on timing.

Photo by Jeff Bellante

Trista Moldovan and Alissa Alter

In the midst of putting on a production that will save the inn, there is love a-brewing between the Phil and Judy and Bob and Betty. Judy is the more carefree sister, so she and Phil hit it off right away, while Betty and Bob take a bit longer to admit their feelings for each other. As Betty Haynes, Trista Moldovan is serene, beautiful, with a voice that instantly creates a hush over the room. No one wants to interrupt the beauty of her singing. Her solo number "Love, You Didn't Do Right By Me" is sultry and spellbinding. Bob can't help but be drawn to her, and I found myself rooting for the star-crossed lovers who encounter many obstacles on their mutual journey towards love.

What's a Christmas show without some caroling? We all know the words to "White Christmas," and who doesn't like to be a part of the show, especially with such a talented cast? Although in the beginning it seems the Vermont winter would let everyone down, but with so many people wishing (and singing!) for a white Christmas, how could it not come true?

The folks at Gateway went all out with this production, bringing the set in from Broadway. The multiple backdrops were huge and so vivid—it's truly enchanting, the way Christmas comes to life. Once again Gateway transports us from Long Island to Broadway, without the long ride. The huge production numbers in the show are Broadway caliber, a fact that can be attested to by the talent on stage as well as behind the scenes.

The snow was so realistic that at the end I expected to walk outside and see snow on the ground. At least we can dream.

Gateway's production of Irving Berlin's White Christmas is playing at the Patchogue Theatre through December 30. For tickets and information visit www.gatewayplayhouse.com.

Sandy Benefit at 230 Elm Features Doors Tribute

BY ROBERT SFORZA

"If my poetry aims to achieve anything, it's to deliver people from the limited ways in which they see and feel." That is the mantra Jim Morrison lived and it's what must have inspired Beau Hulse.

On Saturday, December 22, Hulse and L.A. Woman, a Doors cover band, will perform an eclectic combination of raw blues, hard rock and roll and psychedelic sounds that were the trademark of the legendary Jim Morrison.

Come party like it's 1967 at 230 Elm in Southampton for a great cause. The music begins 7 p.m. and the proceeds (tickets are $20 advance and $25 at the door) benefit the American Red Cross, to aid those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

"This one [the hurricane] really touched us because it was so close to home," says a somber Hulse. "The devastation we saw, especially in Nassau, at such a close proximity, we had to do this. We have to do our small part."

The night will include an array of songs that spill over several genres, with such songs as "Alabama Song (Whiskey Bar)," "Back Door Man," "Maggie M'Gill," "Roadhouse Blues," and of course "L.A. Woman."

When you hear the vivid language Hulse uses to describe musical performance, it is clear why he became enamored of Morrison and The Doors. For Hulse, it is the complex and twisting thrill of being taken out of himself.

When he performs music, Hulse is always trying to deliver the emotional impressions and the transcendence that enlighten the soul.

The stream of poète-maudit that carried Poe, Black or Nietzsche—all sources of inspiration for Morrison—and the weight Hulse feels that Morrison placed on his poetry, is what separates his band, L.A Woman, from all other tribute bands.

Jim Morrison as muse

"The music itself is uncanny—the music stimulates. That's what makes it amazing," says Hulse, the singer of L.A. Woman who personifies Morrison. "The respect I have for this man's music, his poetry, the mystical side, the mysterious. There is nothing else like what we put on."

The tribute band began back in 1978, and Hulse will tell you, it didn't take long to attain success and create a stir. Almost instantly they began selling out clubs, bars and all sorts of venues. When rumors arose of similar cover bands' success in New Jersey, L.A. Woman decided to take their shows on the road, playing all over.

"We got together with management; things happened in the business—there were reactions to *Apocalypse Now*," recalls Hulse. "It just happened and people went crazy."

The band continued to perform religiously and rehearse frequently, never losing their keen edge or inspiration. Hulse admits it was exhausting rehearsing all the time, but never regrets the sacrifice it took.

"We are very spiritual, we keep the music fresh—that's why we rehearse so much," reflects Hulse. "We were one of the first tribute bands, the catalyst, to putting tribute bands in the limelight."

They continued to play throughout the 1980s up and through their retirement in the mid-1990s. By that time the band knew it was time to pursue other ventures in their life. Many band members moved south, to North Carolina and Florida.

Hulse never claims to be Morrison or an incarnation of the man, but he is certainly the closest thing we still have to the legend.

Hulse's voice often mimics Morrison's, the trademark pinch, like a door swinging open in the wind, which the singer possessed in his earlier songs, like "Light My Fire," or the candid rawness of a sad man with the blues.

For Hulse, Jim Morrison and The Doors bridged rock music with the avant-garde, harmonizing the intensity and soulfulness of the blues and the electrifying fury of hard rock.

Whether you are an avid Doors fan or an old-fashioned rock radio fan who misses this music on the airwaves, Hulse and L.A. Woman will fulfill your appetite.

"This is going to be a great, great show," says Hulse. "We have something for all ages."

L.A. Woman is playing at 230 Elm, 230 Elm Street in Southampton on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20; $25 at the door. Proceeds benefit hurricane relief efforts. 631-287-7707

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BY MARION WOLBERG WEISS

ART COMMENTARY

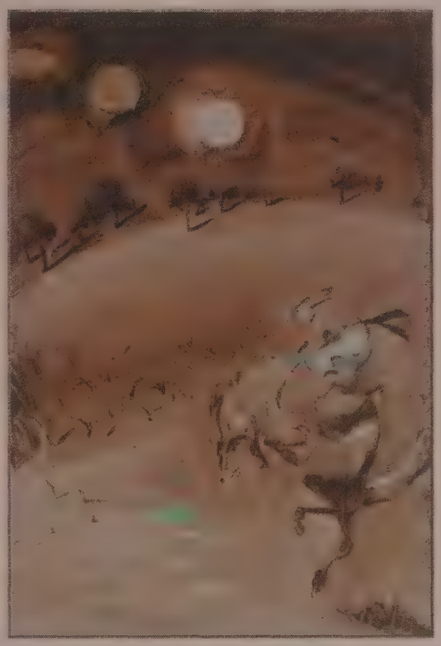
While art venues come in all sizes and shapes, East Hampton's Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, Inc. is in a category by itself: it's both a bookstore and gallery. The bookstore, particularly, is no ordinary one. Specializing in manuscripts, first editions, rare books and archival material, it also publishes works like *Birds*, a limited edition of bird drawings by internationally-known artist Billy Sullivan with an essay by conservationist Margaret Atwood.

Which makes perfect sense because the current art exhibition features those very same drawings by Sullivan. Also in the show are works by Lucy Winton, designated "Creatures." Coincidentally or not, both artists use a common medium and subject matter (animals/birds), albeit stylized in different ways, but dramatic just the same.

Work by Billy Sullivan

What strikes this critic is how unlike Sullivan's birds are compared to his signature portraits of models, muses and friends taken from the Bohemian worlds of art, fashion and night clubs. After all, birds are not people who share a direct relationship with Sullivan. Do they really inhabit his world so intensely that he can include them in his aesthetic "diaries?"

Before we can answer this question, there are a few things we may not have known about Sullivan. For example, his preoccupations with life come from the people whom he has observed and documented all these years, from his early period in New York to the present. Consider, for example, the present exhibit at Manhattan's New Museum, "Come Closer: Art Around the Bowery, 1969-1989." It includes 81 photographs by Sullivan screened by an old slide projector. The presentation not only provides a cultural backdrop for the times, but it also evokes Sullivan's personal worldview.



Work by Lucy Winton

The point is this: birds are now a salient part of Sullivan's life as well, considering that they occupy a good deal of his wooded backyard here on the East End. So why not characterize them as he does human beings? Many drawings are gestural, allowing the viewer to fill in details of individual birds from their imagination. But many works also convey the birds' collective personalities, particularly when they communicate in groups. (Sullivan's humans evoke a group mentality as well, depending on who they are positioned with.) Thus, some birds seem to engage in social interaction; others are aloof. Simply put, we could often almost hear them talking to each other, discussing events of the day.

Clearly, birds are important to Sullivan in somehow defining his life. (Sullivan is perhaps defining his birds' lives as well.)

The animals delineated in Lucy Winton's drawings are also predicated on personification, like Sullivan's subjects. Her animals, placed in mythical settings, suggest personality traits similar to those of human beings, especially when dealing with emotions. The fact that Winton is closely connected to her animals (as is Sullivan) echoes in a work where she herself lies next to a deer.

While Winton's themes are sometimes hard to decipher, that only makes her drawings more intriguing. Talk about intriguing, there's a hint of spirituality and even Christ's birth suggested. Anything is possible.

Sullivan's and Winton's works are on view at Glenn Horowitz Bookseller in East Hampton, 87 Newtown Lane, until Dec. 31, 2012. Call 631-324-5511, www.glennhorowitz.com

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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

SCREENING OF UNTITLED OBSERVATIONS
12/21, 3–4 p.m., Screenings of artist Hope Sandrow's celestial video, "Untitled Observations," along with guided telescope viewings on Fridays, 4-8 p.m., Through 1/18. Free with museum admission. The Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. *631-283-2118 www.parrishart.org*

"AMAGANSETT, ARMAGEDDON" OPENS
12/21, 7 p.m–midnight. Join Neoteric Fine Art for an end of the world group exhibition merging artistic visions of the apocalypse with prophecies for the new age. Through 1/15. 208 Main Street, Amagansett. For more information, please contact Scott Bluedorn *631-838-7518 email info@neotericfineart.com www.neotericfineart.com*

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT CANIO'S
12/22, 4–6 p.m. A Holiday open house reception and exhibition featuring "Winter Whites," photographs by Kathryn Szoka. Canio's Bookstore, 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-4926 www.caniosbooks.com*

ZHIJIE WANG AT MONIKA OLKO GALLERY
12/22, 5–9 p.m. Annual gallery Christmas party featuring works by Zhijie Wang, hand-painted leather goods by Terry Sarro & handmade jewelry from France. Wine & hors d'oeuvres too! 95 Main Street, Sag Harbor. *631-899-4740 www.monikaolkogallery.com*

ARTISTS & WRITERS NIGHT AT ALMOND RESTAURANT
1/9, 7 p.m. Third monthly Artists & Writers night. Featured poet Kathyrn Levy will lead discussions themed around Frank O'Hara's Lunch Poems. 1 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton. $40 includes three-course dinner and a glass of local wine or beer *631-537-5665 www.almondrestaurant.com*

THE ART GALLERY AT QUOGUE LIBRARY PRESENTS DIANNE MARTIN
2/1, "A Walk on the Wild Side: Monotypes with Collage by Dianne Martin." Through February 27. 90 Quogue Street. *631-653-4224 www.quoguelibrary.org*

ONGOING

"THANKSGIVING COLLECTIVE 2012: MODERN SALON"
Tripoli Gallery's Eighth Annual Thanksgiving Collective. Featuring the work of 24 artists, including Ross Bleckner, Keith Sonnier, Eric Freeman, and Mary Heilmann. 30a Jobs Lane, Southampton. *631-377-3715 www.tripoligallery.com*

ART SHOW AT ROSALIE DIMON GALLERY
Internationally renowned artist Ivan Kustura and award-winning photographer Stephen Bitel. 370 Manor Lane, Jamesport. Through December. *631-722-0500 www.jamesportmanorinn.com*

"IVORY ORPHANS"
The Art Gallery of the Hampton Library is currently displaying "Ivory Orphans" photographs by Geri Bauer. 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton, 631-537-0015

GROUP FOR THE EAST END HOSTS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND ART SHOW
"Troubled Waters: Awareness and Solutions." The show runs through 12/21. Open Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. The Group's offices are located at 54895 Route 25 (Main Street) in Southold across from the Bridgehampton National Bank. *631-765-6450, ext. 208, 631-765-6450, ext. 215*

VERED GALLERY
Vered Gallery presents its Holiday Group exhibition. This show features new works by Grant Haffner, Ray Caesar, Adam Handler and Ron Agam as well as special selections by Yayoi Kusama, Will Cotton, David Hockney and Robert Mapplethorpe. Through December. 68 Park Place, East Hampton, *631-324-3303*

GREENPORT HOLIDAY ART FESTIVAL
For South Street Gallery and Framers. 18 South Street, www.thesouthstreetgallery.com, Mermania & Other Fantasies at the Siren's Song Gallery & Carriage House, 516 Main Street, www.sirensonggallery.com, Cindy Pease Roe Gallery & Studio, 190 Sterling Street, www.cindypeaseroe.com, deCordova Studio, 538 Main Street, www.hadecordova.com, Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, 234 Carpenter Street, www.harborbrewing.com, Winter Harbor Gallery, 211 Main Street, www.winterharborgallery.com, and Gallery M, 407 Main Street. Through 12/31. *631-477-9496 www.gallerym.biz*

PICK OF THE WEEK
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
"Untitled Observations" at Parrish
3 p.m. (See below)

PARRISH ART MUSEUM
Founded in 1897, the Parrish Art Museum celebrates the artistic legacy of Long Island's East End, one of America's most vital creative centers. The Parrish presents Malcolm Morley: Painting, Paper, Process on view through January 13. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. *631-283-2118*

GUILD HALL
Four exhibitions: "Frank Wimberley," "Fritz Leddy Part II," "John Berg" and "Abstraction: Selections from the Guild Hall Museum Permanent Collection" (Featuring many of the first generation Abstract Expressionist artists, including works by Jackson Pollock, Lee Krasner, Willem de Kooning and Ibram Lassaw.) On view through 1/6. John Berg exhibition extended through 2/24. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Holiday Fridays Free Admission through 1/4. *631-324-0806 guildhall.org*

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Movies...

THIS WEEK'S HOT FLICKS...

THE GUILT TRIP
Babs is back! This latest addition to the road movie genre features Seth Rogen as Andrew Brewster and BARBRA STREISAND (!!!) as his mother, Joyce. The two wind up driving across the country together and, needless to say, the trip doesn't exactly go smoothly. Rogen's role here is the straight man to Babs' loud, embarrassing, and chaos-wreaking mother. Of course, Joyce treats Andrew like a baby, continually licking her fingers to try to straighten his hair and bragging about his accomplishments to her friends. Road movies always end with a reconciliation, so we know it will all turn out fine. But it looks like a pretty wild ride.

ZERO DARK THIRTY
This is a film that generated controversy before anybody had even seen it. It chronicles the 10-year hunt for Osama Bin Laden (we all know how that ended), with special attention to the CIA analyst, played in the film by Jessica Chastain, who followed her own hunch about how to track the al Qaida leader down. Apparently, it boiled down to this: track the messengers, and they will lead you to Osama. Of course, others in the intelligence community had their own ideas, and the film covers the conflicts within the CIA as well as the high-stakes operation that succeeded in taking out Bin Laden. So why all of the controversy? It seems that conservatives, who have never quite gotten over the fact that the Obama administration managed to take out Bin Laden, felt that the film would be thinly veiled propaganda for President Obama (who is actually barely mentioned in the film). They were suddenly very concerned that "classified information" was disclosed to the filmmakers. Now that the election is over, they don't seem to care anymore. Hmmm...

NOT FADE AWAY
1960's New Jersey. Inspired by The Rolling Stones, four teenagers form a rock band. They move to the East Village, grow their hair out, and upset their parents' dreams and aspirations for them. Hitting the New York scene at the sweet spot of 60's cultural upheaval, they use a lot of drugs and have a lot of sex. I'm starting to like this movie. Really, those of us who watched on 12/12/12 as The (Geriatric)Who and The (Wheelchair)Rolling Stones limped and warbled their way through their 60's and 70's classics could use a bit of rock-and-roll fantasy to remind us that it all really mattered—yes, these guys are past retirement age, but their music changed peoples lives. The film's title is from a song by Buddy Holly, the same song that became The Rolling Stones' first U.S. hit when they covered it in 1964. Starring John Magaro, Jack Huston, Will Brill, Dominique McElligott, and James Gandolfini.

JACK REACHER
Filmed on location in Pittsburgh, PA, this adaptation of Lee Child's novel *One Shot*, starring Tom Cruise as Jack Reacher, was scheduled to premiere there on December 15. After the tragic school shootings in Newtown, CT, it was decided that audiences might react badly to this violent, gun-filled actioner. As of press time, it was still slated for wide release on December 21.

UA EAST HAMPTON CINEMA 6 (+) (631-324-0448)

30 Main Street, East Hampton

UA SOUTHAMPTON CINEMA (+) (631-287-2774)

43 Hill Street, Southampton

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+) (631-725-0010)

90 Main Street, Sag Harbor
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UA HAMPTON BAYS 5 (+) (631-728-8251)

119 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays

MATTITUCK CINEMAS (631-298-SHOW)

10095 Main Road, Mattituck

HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+) (631-288-2600)

2 Brook Road, Westhampton Beach

VILLAGE CINEMA (GREENPORT) (631-477-8600)

211 Front Street, Greenport
Closed for the season.

MONTAUK MOVIE (631-668-2393)

3 Edgemere Road, Montauk
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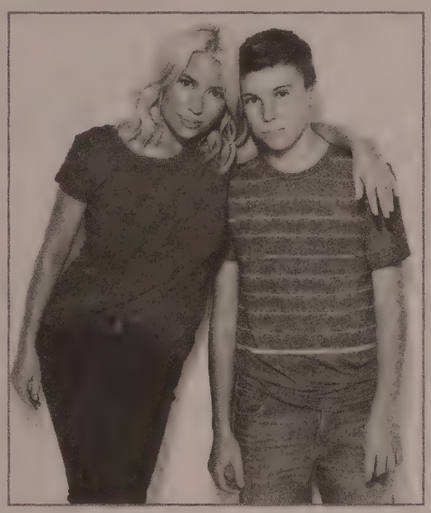
A Charity For Kids, By Kids in the Hamptons

BY SHARON FEIEREISEN

Formed in the winter of 2011 by two local Hamptons teenagers, Max and Ben Snow, because they wanted to help children who were receiving medical care in hospitals, Game Knights Hamptons is a not-for-profit organization that collects new and used video game devices, DVD players, DVD movies, and iPads and encourages financial donations to purchase new electronic devices, movies, and games. In less than a year, two substanial donations have been made with a third one planned for Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital.

Tracy Anderson, the famed celebrity fitness entrepreneur and Sag Harbor denizen is actively involved in the charity along with her 13-year-old son, Sam. "My son's best friend Ben Snow is one of the founders of Game Knights Hampton and since Sam is really into technology, this charity is something he and his classmates can easily relate to," she adds that her son "really thinks about the games and systems to donate to try and find ones that would entertain the different ages and gaming levels. He has fun being the filter for the kids who can't leave the hospital." Anderson, known for sculpting the bodies of celebrities including Gwyneth Paltrow, goes on to note that because the charity is so accessible and relatable she has found it to be the perfect vehicle to get her son and other teenagers to explore their philanthropic abilities.

Anderson, who has fitness studios in Manhattan, Los Angeles, and Water Mill, lives in Sag Harbor year-round. "It doesn't feel natural to me to raise my kids in the city," says Anderson. "I have to travel a lot and I don't even want to think about how many times I have driven back and forth to the city! I love the pace here and the community." In keeping with the idea of community Anderson explains that she has found tradition to be a powerful teaching tool for children—"my friend Gay Snow [Ben and Max Snow's mother] worked hard to get the boys involved in this charity and she has done an amazing job creating a charity that these kids can grow with and get more involved with each year. I love watching my son grow and see the ways he feels that he can help others and get involved in the community."



Courtesy of Tracy Anderson

Tracy Anderson and her son, Max

The diminutive blonde—who recently gave birth to her second child—goes on to explain that last year, in the initial stages of the charity's development, it was about picking the right items and delivering the donation, but this year she and her son hope to do more as they get more involved. The popularity of the charity has inspired others as well. Kyle Lutnick, a friend of the Snows, started Game Knights in New York City.

"Friends have been very supportive of our charity, and parents have encouraged their children to participate in Game Knights because they believe our organization is a meaningful one as well as a wonderful way to educate our children about sharing and caring towards others," explains Gay Snow. "We always strive to have our members involved in our donations so that we can foster an awareness that patients always need our donations and that our efforts are always appreciated." She notes that their second donation was extremely meaningful, because the children were permitted to tour the hospital and saw firsthand how their donations positively affect those less fortunate.

Game Knights Hamptons strives to be a legacy of caring and sharing by kids, for kids. Please go to www.gameknights.org for additional information.

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Last Minute Gifts from Your Local Faves

BY KENDRA SOMMERS

Last minute deals, special holiday events and great offerings on the East End—Let's shop! Starting with **Beyond The Beaten Path** in Eastport—This unique boutique carries an eclectic mix of special holiday gifts and fine antiques as well as vintage jewelry, decorative home designs and more. Beyond The Beaten Path, 495 Main Street, Eastport, 631-325-2105, www.beyondgifts.net. **House To Home** is your source for all things "home." This full service design shop also offers stylish coastal-inspired and elegant home décor items including luxury bedding, lighting, unique furniture and tasteful home furnishings. House To Home, 499 Montauk Highway, Eastport, 631-801-6100, www.housetohomedesigns.net. **Renee's Fashions** and **Chaps Corner** of Mattituck offers the latest in stylish fashions for men, women and children. Designer fashions by Nautica, Tommy Bahama, Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Lacoste, Cutter & Buck and more. Find the perfect golfing outfit for Dad at Chaps Corner, 10095 Route 25, Mattituck, 631-298-5048. **The Lynn Stoller Collection** located in Westhampton Beach is a luxury consignment boutique featuring authentic couture and high fashions by Gucci, Chanel, Hermes, Fendi, Louis Vuitton among many other top designers. Check out their Trunk Show on Dec. 23/24, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., featuring unusual handbags, classic Chanel bags and a special discount! The Lynn Stoller Collection, 96 Main Street, Westhampton Beach, 631-998-0382 www.lynnstollercollection.com. Santa has definitely shared his holiday magic this season with **Stevenson's Toys** in Southampton. This mainstay of Southampton Village offers innovative and educational toys as well as special treats that will wow the little ones and peak their imagination. Check out Stevenson's amazing selection of toys and creative gifts for your son, daughter, niece or nephew. Stevenson's, 69 Jobs Lane, Southampton, 631-283-2111, www.stevensonstoys.com. **Flying Point Surf and Sport** has really amped up their holiday collections with interesting and unique gift items from surfboards and snowboards to apparel and gadget gifts like headphones and cameras. In addition, FP also carries an assortment of novelty gift items, sunglasses and accessories. Standout brands and designs by Chubby Unicorn, Bamboo, Quicksilver and The North Face to name a few. Flying Point Surf and Sport is located at 63-69 Main Street in Southampton, 631-259-2893. In the market for unique fine jewelry? **Tamara Comolli Fine Jewelry** has a plethora of dazzling jewels made of silver, rose-gold, bronze, gold matched with elegant gems and stones to choose from—Truly unique and special, Tamara Comolli, 27 Main Street, Southampton, 631-283-7600, www.tamaracomolli.com. **Stitch Southampton** located in the Village of Southampton carries a beautiful selection of 100% cashmere gloves, scarves, accessories, apparel and hand-designed jewelry by Jennifer Brown—Great gifts for teachers, friends and family. Stitch, 22 Nugent Street, Southampton, 631-377-3993, www.stitchsouthampton.com. **Outdoors of Amagansett** is your East End "go to" place for outerwear—Offering fabulous fashions by Ugg, Merrell, Woolrich, Columbia, Patagonia, Red Wing, Weatherproof and North Face to highlight a few. Outdoors of Amagansett is now also offering a Priority Customer Club Membership with discounts throughout the year. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. 171 Main Street, Amagansett, 631-267-3620. Surfing the web? **Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics** offers a great selection of gift giving ideas and stocking stuffers that include; Angels Delight Soap, North Pole Soap, So White Bath Bomb, Magic Wand Reusable Bubble Bar, Twilight Shower Gel to name a few favorites. Lush products are 82% vegan, 100% vegetarian, 68% preservative free and 37% free of wasteful packaging. For more information, please visit www.lushusa.com or www.lush.com. Wondering what to bring to your next holiday party? Spirits and wine of course! On the East End, check out **McNamara Wine & Spirits** located in the Bridgehampton Commons for the best deals, 631-537-1230 and **Wolffer Estate Vineyards**, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack, 631-537-5106.

As of January 2013, the **Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's (Two) Thrift Shops** will be moving from Jobs Lane to 30 Jagger Lane in Southampton across from Waldbaum's. All merchandise will be offered at up to 70% off from now through moving time. Support the Southampton Animal Shelter this holiday season and choose from a wide variety of specialty gift items and elegant treasures. For more information, please contact 631-287-PETS. Adopt a pet this year or next. So many loving animals need warm and special homes. The shelter itself is located at 102 Old Riverhead Road West in Hampton Bays. www.southamptonanimalshelter.com, 631-728-PETS.

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Gardeners Keep Busy Through the Cold Months

BY JEANELLE MYERS

VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

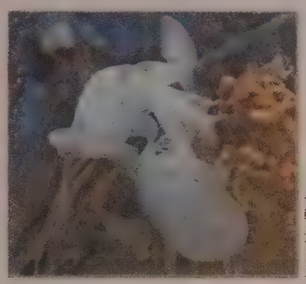
The winter equinox is fast approaching. Cold rain is falling today and the sky is that special shade of ponderous grey. Many of us anticipate the coming cold, snow and darker days with dread. We prepare to "hunker down" thinking of soup simmering on the stove, and a fire in the fireplace while the wind howls outside. But we need only look to the plants in the garden for signs of spring. The different plants are in various stages of winter preparedness.

Some seem to be in a state of denial about the impending weather. Some roses are still blooming and will stop only after a hard frost. Oriental poppies lose their leaves after blooming in late spring but grow new ones in the fall. These leaves are still green in the garden. Buddleias refuse to give up their leaves just waiting for the chance to rebloom. Ferns stand proudly until hard frost. There is an anemone beside my porch with some dead leaves but with a few green ones clinging to life. New plants of hollyhocks and digitalis, both biannual, are plump for next year's flowers. A hard frost will convince all plants that it is time to become dormant.

Other plants have accepted the situation, dropped their leaves and have made plans for spring already. Deciduous trees have fat buds. Hydrangea buds are bulging and those roses, still in bloom, show their buds for next year. Sedum buds are visible at the surface of the ground. Hosta and peony buds are hard nubs just below the surface. Nandina and holly bear red berries to drop in spring for new plants. Buds are evident even on the tender vines of clematis.

Most of the perennials in the garden died back a month or more ago and the ornamental grasses have turned golden. The fish in the pond have gone to the bottom in a torpor.

As the gardening season winds down, I look forward to winter. It is my time in the studio to manifest the things I contemplate all summer as I Zen-out while deadheading. I will go a new direction in my art work, unknown until I begin the work, but right now it is time for some serious quilting. I have made quilts for years and my favorites have been made using blocks and pieces made by someone else. The pieces come to me from several sources. My mother found them at antique fairs in Iowa, I bought some on eBay, and I find them at yard sales.



Icy beauty

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Often made from "vintage" fabric, many are years old. Some blocks are well-made but not finished. My favorites are the ones that are "kattywhampus;" neither square nor straight, they undoubtedly disappointed their maker after so much work that she just put them away not knowing how to finish a quilt with pieces so unshapely. I picture the pieces having been, put away with frustration on a shelf or left in the sewing basket and then forgotten. There are usually enough blocks to complete a quilt, all of them kattywhampus! Sometimes I need to combine different kinds into one quilt. I appliqué these misfits onto new squares of fabric and put the quilt together. Some of them are perfect and one can only imagine the reason they were never, as my grandmother would say, "worked up." Making quilts this way makes me feel like I am finishing a project that someone started long ago and could not finish for any number of reasons. I like the idea that someone will finish work that I may leave unfinished.

I have 20 completed quilts and at least 20 more tops waiting to be layered with batting and then quilted. I am not the best quilter. I don't cover the quilt with a dense pattern of stiches and my stiches are not small like my great-grandmother's. She was an avid and productive quilter but hers were perfectly crafted. She and her grandson, my father, were also good gardeners. Maybe there is something to that heredity thing!

Jeanelle Myers is a professional gardener and consultant, for gardening discussion call 631-434-5067.

Help Save Little Chloe and Others Like Her

BY DANIELLE FASSMAN, MD

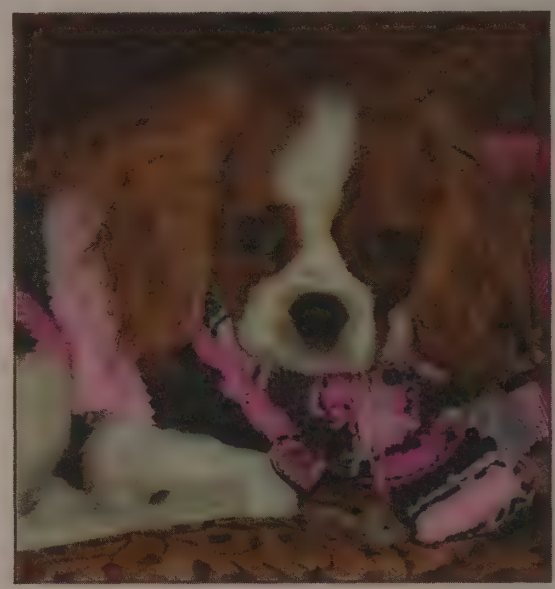
I never thought of myself as an "animal person." Sure some animals are cute, but I had no idea of their power before Chloe. Furthermore, I had no knowledge of buying "pets," a term I now find demeaning but use as a social convention. I just saw the most adorable face on an Internet page and grabbed my credit card.

I ordered Chloe, a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, from an out-of-state website. Only 2.9 lbs at nine weeks upon arrival, Chloe Elizabeth had more love for this world than could be contained in her tiny body. When not nestling in a lap, she's zipping around, exploring and entertaining. Fun, full of life and the apple of any eye lucky enough to behold her, it came as quite a shock when, in the midst of Superstorm Sandy, Chloe was diagnosed with a terminal congenital condition, renal dysplasia at only 4.5 months old.

A picky eater from day one, through exhausting effort I had her gaining weight within two weeks. From the start, Chloe displayed what I later learned is polydipsia (excess drinking) and polyuria (excess urination). Initially, I figured since she's small, so is her bladder, and she had to "go" all the time like many girls do. Plus, being so hyper, it made sense she needed to drink a lot to keep up with her activity. I really became concerned when she began drinking more than 24 ounces of water per day at four pounds and gnawing in the area of her kidney.

Urinalysis and blood work showed very dilute urine and abnormalities consistent with kidney disease. Uncommon, with poor prognosis, renal dysplasia hardly made the list of potential diagnoses. Two weeks later, follow-up results warranted hospitalization, and she had to see a specialist immediately. I took her to an internist the next day who performed an ultrasound (non-invasive organ imaging technique), looked at Chloe's X-rays and labs, and diagnosed her with bilateral renal dysplasia. Cysts were already present on both kidneys.

Renal dysplasia is a congenital (present pre-birth) disease. The kidneys form improperly (small, misshapen), and eventually fail. Kidneys filter blood, remove toxins and help maintain blood pressure. This condition can be hard to detect because the animal may seem vivacious. Some signs and complications include increased thirst and urination, poor appetite, vomiting, dry mouth, oral sores, bowel changes, tarry stool (intestinal bleeding), and anemia (blood disorder). When toxin levels rise, uremia can develop requiring medical attention.



Help keep these little dogs alert and healthy

Renal dysplasia is invariably fatal. The pain and suffering to which Chloe will inevitably succumb when more organ systems become affected is frightening. Chloe is such a beautiful soul, and the light she constantly exudes is blinding, especially to the fact she is steadily "you-know-whatting."

Management depends on stage and involves dietary restriction of phosphorus and protein, adequate hydration, fats rich in omega-3 (NOT omega-6), frequent subcutaneous fluid boluses and supplements. For older dogs, phosphate-binders can help eliminate phosphate from the body. Kidney-sensitive foods are available. As renal disease commonly manifests later in life, kibble is sized for adults. (I chop up Chloe's kibble and hand-feed her daily, proudly boasting welts and calluses on my fingers.) Frequent vet appointments and expensive tests are unavoidable. Dialysis is time-consuming and financially draining. Kidney transplants are rare, costly and have variable outcomes.

Given Chloe's way with people, especially children and the elderly, I wanted Chloe to become a therapy dog. Thinking of all the lives she may never get to touch inspired me to create her Facebook page, *Chloe Elizabeth https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chloe-Elizabeth/430210250368176*, dedicated to raising awareness about the need for research and better/more accessible therapies, the humane treatment of animals and possibly finding a transplant donor—Chloe's only chance at life. Full of funny, life-affirming photos, Chloe continues to bring warmth and joy to people around the world, comforting the sick and easing the toll chronic disease takes on family and friends.

I am forever grateful for Chloe's presence in my life. As her favorite thing to do is to leap into strangers' arms, put on a show and make them laugh, it is in this vein, in her honor I celebrate every moment with her as I pray for a miracle.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

THE JAM SESSION CD RELEASE PARTY AT THE BAY STREET THEATRE
7–9 p.m. Bring your instrument and all the music lovers you know to celebrate the Jam Session's first CD release "Live on Thursday Nights" at the Bay Street Theatre Lobby, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-9500 www.baystreet.org*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

CANDELIGHT FRIDAYS
5–8 p.m., Wölffer Vineyards proudly presents "Certain Moves." Wolffer Estate Vineyard 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Wines by the glass, *631-537-5106 www.wolffer.com*

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION AT UUCSF
5:30 p.m., Labyrinth walk, 7 p.m., Potluck, candlelight ceremony, and drumming. Bring a generous dish for 6 and a drum or instrument, if possible. Suggested adult donation $8, to benefit the Food Pantry. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork, 977 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike. *631-726-7555*

WINTER SOLSTICE AT ANANDA YOGA AND WELLNESS CENTER
5:30–6:45 p.m., Mary Angela Buffo guides you through a candle-lit class celebrating the return of light. 20 Hampton Road, Southampton. $23 drop in. *631-204-1219 www.anandayogawellness.com*

MUSIC ON THE PATIO
6–8 p.m. Come down to Duck Walk South Friday evenings to start your weekend with a glass of wine. Tasting bar closes at 7:30 p.m. 231 Montauk Highway. Music weather permitting. *631-726-7555*

"CHRISTMAS CAROL" RADIO-PLAY READING AT OLD WHALERS' CHURCH
7:30–8 p.m. A 60-minute version of Dickens' classic "Christmas Carol," arranged as a radio play, read by local actors in the candlelit chapel of historic Old Whalers' Church. Free, donations support the Community House Fund. 44 Union Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-0894 www.oldwhalerschurch.org*

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Tour East Hampton Historical Society's toy exhibit

PICK OF THE WEEK
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
Legends Christmas Spectacular
8 p.m. (See below)

LEGENDS SERIES CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR AT BAY STREET THEATRE
8 p.m., Variety show film includes rare and classic holiday performances. Tickets are $15. 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-9500 www.baystreet.org*

NANCY ATLAS CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE
8 p.m., Nancy Atlas performs with guests. General admission tickets are $15. "Mash Up!!" performs at 10 p.m., $10. Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. *631-267-3117 www.stephentalkhouse.com*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

THE FAIR FOODS MARKET AT BAY BURGER!
10 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturdays – Look for your favorite vendors from the Sag Harbor Farmers Market as well as a variety of other producers. 1742 Sag Harbor–Bridgehampton Turnpike (County Road 79). *646-286-6264*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
10 a.m–noon. Trout Pond to the Paumanok Path. Meet at Trout Pond parking lot on Noyac Road across from Mill Road. Moderately-paced. Led by Joe Lane. *631-725-3942*

ROCKY POINT PLUS HIKE
10 a.m. 3–4 mile hike following a route from Navy Road to Rocky Point and beyond. Meet at the end of Navy Road. East Hampton Trails Preservation Society. Led by Ed Porco. *631-668-2947*

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12–4 p.m. and by appointment, LongHouse Reserve's INStore will be open. 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton *631-329-3568 www.longhouse.org*

HOLIDAY MARKET AT MADOO!
12–4 p.m., Stroll through the gardens with a cup of hot cider and check out homemade holiday gifts & plants. Children welcome. *631-537-8200 www.madoo.org*

ACU-FLOW AT ANANDA YOGA AND WELLNESS CENTER
1:45–4 p.m., Forrest Yoga teacher and licensed acupuncturist Milard Roper will guide you through a fun flow yoga class with acupuncture in sivasana. 20 Hampton Road, Southampton. $60 in advance, $65 drop in. To reserve your spot, *631-204-1219 www.anandayogawellness.com*

THE NUTCRACKER AT GUILD HALL
4 p.m., Valentina Kozlova's Dance Conservatory of New York students perform the holiday classic. John Drew Theater, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. $20 Child, $30 Adult. For tickets, call *212-868-4444 www.guildhall.org*

COOKING CLASS
6–9 p.m. Saturdays at Bridgehampton Inn, 2266 Main St., Bridgehampton. $165. Loaves & Fishes *631-537-6066 www.landfcookshop.com*

HURRICANE SANDY BENEFIT CONCERT AT 230 ELM
7–11 p.m. Featuring Beau Hulse and L.A. Women "Doors Tribute" Proceeds benefit the Red Cross. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. $20, $25 at the door. *631-377-3900*

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Benefits for Sandy

Searching for a last-minute Christmas gift? There are still multiple opportunities to shop and help victims of Superstorm Sandy this season.

Check out www.bonfirefunds.com/fund/east-end-cares-sandy-relief-fund from now until Friday, 12/21 and buy an East End Cares tshirt! Shirts are $25, and the money goes to **East End Cares** to support victims of Superstorm Sandy. Visit the East End Cares Facebook page for additional information on ways to help devastated areas.

Do your Christmas shopping through santa4sandy.org. Donations will go directly to help kids in New York affected by Sandy. **Santa 4 Sandy** was started through The LOGIE Project, a not-for-profit based in East Hampton. Shop at Common Kidness Amazon Store and set Santa 4 Santa as the nonprofit of choice! Visit the website for more information.

The Hampton Bays Mothers' Association has organized a gift card drive for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Drop off locations include **Scotto's**, Main Street, Hampton Bays, **Southampton Stationery** on Hampton Road, Southampton Village, The **Southampton Publick House**, Bowden Square, Southampton, **C's Home and Office Management**, 3331 Noyack Road, Sag Harbor, **Katherine and Co.**, Westhampton Beach, Main Street. For more information, please contact Kerry Wilkie at 631-741-7014. Suggested gift cards: Target, Old Navy, Amex, Visa or MasterCard. The cards will be distributed to the Rockaways on 12/21.

The Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, 631-208-9200, www.longislandacquarium.com, is teaming up with Long Island Cares (The Harry Chapin Food Bank) and will act as a donation site. Call for additional information.

Head to the **Hurricane Sandy Benefit Concert at 230 Elm** in Southampton on Saturday, December 22. Featuring Beau Hulse and L.A. Women "Doors Tribute" Proceeds benefit the Red Cross. $20, $25 at the door. Call 631-377-3900 or visit www.230elm.com for additional information.

LHT AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE
10 p.m., LHT performs covers from the '70s, '80s, & '90s, and their own catchy originals. Also on 1/4. General admission tickets are $10. Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. *631-267-3117 www.stephentalkhouse.com*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

OBSERVING SEALS IN MONTAUK
9:30 a.m. Family Nature Walk through the scenic Seal Haul Out Trail in Montauk down to the shore. Led by Lindsey Rohrbach, SoFo Nature Educator. Call for details and to reserve! *631-537-9735*

HOLIDAY CONCERT AT OLD WHALERS' CHURCH
3 p.m. Tenor Michael Bodnyk and accompanist Dominic Abbate present a concert of the music and poetry of Christmas. High Tea reception to follow. $10 for adults, free for children 12 and under. 44 Union Street, Sag Harbor. *631-537-6066 www.oldwhalerschurch.org*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

THE REAL JAZZ AT THE PIZZA PLACE
6–8 p.m. Mondays. 2123 Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton. Dennis Raffelock leads a weekly Jazz Jam open to season pros and up-and-comers. No cover. *631-537-7865*

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

LADIES NIGHT
9:30 p.m. 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. DJ Brian Evans plays your favorite Hamptons classics. $3 drafts. $6 Absolut Vodka specials and giveaways. Southampton Publick House, *631-283-2800*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

21 CENTURY JAZZ
6–8 p.m. Page at 63 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Free. *631-283-2800*

TROUBADOR NIGHT AT THE PIZZA PLACE
7–9 p.m., Troubador Night with Dick Johansson & Friends, a weekly performance by local singers/songwriters at The Pizza Place, 2123 Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton. *631-537-7865*

ADULT BADMINTON AT MONTAUK PLAYHOUSE
7–9 p.m. Thursdays through 4/25, Montauk Playhouse, 240 Edgemere Street, Montauk. Free. Call to register, *631-668-1612*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

CANDELIGHT FRIDAYS
5–8 p.m., Wölffer Vineyard, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Wines by the glass, bottles, mulled wine and cheese and charcuterie plates for purchase. No cover charge. *631-537-5106 www.wolffer.com*

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
5:30 p.m., Joe Lauro will present a screening of his "Historic Films Christmas Spectacular" featuring vintage Christmas commercials, program, and musical performances at the Shelter Island Library. *631-749-0042 shelterislandpubliclibrary.org*

EAST END STORIES ON SCREEN AT THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM
6–7:30 p.m., Film series continues with rarely seen movies on artists of the region. Curated by Andrea Grover. Tickets are $10, $8 for members. 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. *631-283-2118 www.parrishart.org*

THE BLACK PETALS & "BACK TO THE EIGHTIES PARTY" AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE
8 p.m., The Black Petals. General admission tickets are $10. At 10 p.m., "Back to the Eighties!" Party. Tickets are $15. Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. *631-267-3117 www.stephentalkhouse.com*

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

A 1950S CHRISTMAS IN SOUTHAMPTON
Tuesdays—Saturdays through January 5. A nostalgic look at 50s Christmas decoration gifts. Southampton family photos will be included as well as a recreation of a 1950s cocktail party. Rogers Mansion, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton, *631-283-2494 www.southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org*

ARTIST'S HOLIDAY MARKET
10 a.m.–5 p.m., Neoteric Fine Art will present an Artist's Holiday Market showcasing hand-made crafts and small affordable works by local artists. Items include paintings, sculpture, prints, jewelry, furniture, home goods, surfboards, clothes and other treasures. Through January 5. Neoteric Fine Art, 208 Main Street, Amagansett *Scott Bluedorn, 631-838-7518 info@neotericfineart.com*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
12/29, 10 a.m.–noon. Elliston Park Ramble. Meet at the Park entrance on Millstone Brook Road in Southampton. Moderately paced. Led by Howard Reisman. *631-283-5376*

BOOGA SUGAR AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE
12/29, 10 p.m., Dance to the ultimate 70's rock disco band! Tickets are $20. Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. *631-267-3117 www.stephentalkhouse.com*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
12/30, 9–10:30 a.m. Grassland to Grassland Meander. Meet at the South Fork Natural History Society Museum parking lot, 377 Bridgehampton Turnpike. Fast-paced, 1.5 mile. Led by Dai Dayton. *631-745-0689*

ANIMAL RESCUE FUND FOOD DRIVE
Through 12/31, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., open every day except 12/25. ARF will be collecting unopened bags of dry dog and cat kibble and canned dog and cat food for animals in need at the ARF Adoption Center, 90 Daniels Hole Road in Wainscott. *631-537-0400 www.arfhamptons.org*

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY AT ANANDA YOGA AND WELLNESS CENTER
12/31, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Reflective yoga class. And on New Year's Day, 10:30-11:30 a.m., begin your new year with the power of intention. 20 Hampton Road, Southampton. $19 for class on 12/31 and $25/$30 drop-in for class on 1/1. Call to reserve, *631-204-1219 www.anandayogawellness.com*

FISHES & WISHES FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT
12/31, 6:30–11 p.m., Kids are invited to their very own winter wonderland, unlimited submarine stimulator rides, animal encounters, ray bay feeding and much more! The evening also includes Champagne and sparkling cider greeting. Long Island Aquarium, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, *631-208-9200*

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WITH NANCY ATLAS AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE
12/31, 9 p.m., New Year's Eve Party with Nancy Atlas Project! General admission tickets are $25. Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. *631-267-3117 www.stephentalkhouse.com*

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT 230 ELM
12/31, 9 p.m.–1 a.m., Live performances by Leah Laurenti & New Life Crisis, open bar, buffet dinner, champagne toast & more. Choose from four packages, $75-$200. Reserve early for great seats, 230 Elm Street, Southampton, *631-377-3900 www.230elm.com*

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SOUTHAMPTON SOCIAL CLUB
12/31, 9 p.m., doors open. Open bar, DJ, dancing, dinner, champagne toast & more. Choose from three packages, $85-$200. 256 Elm Street, Southampton. To purchase tickets, call Ian Duke at *917-806-5616 www.southamptonsocialclub.com*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE $42 BILLION?
Dear Dan,
Governor Cuomo, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Mayor Bloomberg and NYC Council Speaker Quinn have all joined the chorus that Washington will need to send us $42 billion as a result of damages created by Hurricane Sandy.
Three weeks ago, Governor Cuomo's request was for $31 billion. Two weeks ago, it jumped to $42 billion. Similarly, three weeks ago Bloomberg's request was for $9 billion. Two weeks ago, it went to $15 billion. What will Cuomo, Bloomberg, Schumer, Gillibrand and company ask for next week? The devil is in the details to justify these numbers. What about the recent scandal concerning the NYC Housing, Preservation and Development sitting on $1 billion in unspent federal dollars already available? How many other municipal and state agencies have how many additional billions in unspent federal dollars, which could potentially be reprogrammed to help?
All conveniently ignore that our national debt now exceeds $16.19 trillion dollars. This averages $52,135 per citizen. Our legal debt limit of $16.39 trillion with less than $200 billion balance remaining will run out by the end of December based upon the current rate of spending. Remember that local, town, city, county and state debt combined adds up to another $2 trillion!
Senators Schumer and Gillibrand fail to identify how Uncle Sam will come up with these funds. There will clearly be the need to offset this assistance with cuts in other programs. The National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA and Army Corps of Engineers will all need billions in supplemental appropriations.
Sincerely,
Larry Penner
Great Neck

ARTFUL
Dear Nick and Stacy,
I just saw the new issue of *Dan's Papers* (December 14) with Nick Chowske's wonderful article about the exhibition of my paintings "Awareness and Solutions" at the Group for the East End.
It's an honor to be featured in *Dan's Papers*.
Thank you all so much for printing this.
Anne Seelbach
South Fork

Truly our pleasure.—SD

ADORYING
Dear Stacy,
Thank you very much for the big picture of the East End Classic Boat Society's Swampscott dory raffle boat with red ribbon in the calendar section of your paper last week.
The photo will certainly help the attendance of the holiday open.
Thank you very much!
Bill Good
East End Classic Boat Society

So glad we could help!—SD

INSIDE
Dear Stacy,
Thanks for keeping us informed – in hilarious fashion – about what to see and do on the cheap, on the East End! Your Hamptons Epicure column tells it like it is like no one else!
Yours in fabulousness,
Kiki Steiner
Water Mill

Thanks so much. I enjoy being cheap ALMOST as much as splurging!—SD

PARKED
Dear David,
It was nice to read your comments on Springs Park.
Seven years ago, when the nursery land was acquired, myself and a few early dog walkers went there. It was artists, writers, librarians, real estate agents, psychotherapists (like myself) and yes "blue collar" people who formed "Friends of Springs Park." We lobbied the town for three years to finalize the park for all to use. Yes, we agree, it is one of the coolest things that ever happened to Springs and the Town of East Hampton.
Thanks to everyone involved in helping it to become a model for the other East End towns.
We're park proud!
Happy Holidays to all, especially our four legged friends,
Fran Donovan and the Friends of Springs Park
East Hampton

Email your letters to askdan@danspapers.com

CALENDAR

MONTAUK'S ANNUAL POLAR BEAR DIP AT GURNEY'S
12/31, 10:30 a.m. Annual Polar Bear Dip requested donation of $10 per person or non-perishable food items. Cash donation goes to "Paddlers for Humanity." Includes use of Sea Water Spa Facilities! Contact Susan Yunker, *631-668-2345 www.GurneysInn.com*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING
1/3, 7 p.m. Meet in the lower conference room of Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Road. All are welcome! For further information, call *631-537-52020*

UPCOMING JITNEY DAY TOURS & TRIPS
1/5, New York Boat Show, $55 pp., 1/11, Knicks vs. Bulls, $160 pp., 1/16 "Once" The Musical, $184 pp., 1/27-1/28, Atlantic City "Tropicana Resort," $139 pp/dp/. For complete package details, visit *www.hamptonjitney.com.* For tour reservations: *631-283-4600, ext. 343*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
1/5, 10 a.m.-noon. Barcelona Point Perambulation. Meet at Sag Harbor Golf Club parking lot on Barcelona Neck Road off Route 114. Moderately paced, 3.5 mile scenic hike led by Bob Wolfram. Rain or snow cancels. *631-848-2255*

GUILD HALL PRESENTS THE MET: LIVE IN HD SCREENING BERLIOZ'S "LES TROYENS"
1/5, 12 p.m., Rare opportunity to see Berlioz's vast epic, last performed at the Metropolitan Opera House in 2003. John Drew Theatre, Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Tickets $22 general admission, $20 members, $15 students. *631-324-0806 www.guildhall.org*

BELLS ARE RINGING
1/5, 1-5:30 p.m., Village of Southampton honors President Lincoln's signing into law of the Emancipation Proclamation. 1 p.m., bell ringing at the corner of Job's Lane and Main Street in front of the First Presbyterian Church. Participants are invited into the church for gospel music and a reading of the Proclamation. At 2:30 p.m., a roundtable discussion takes place at the Rogers Mansion, followed by jazz, poetry, & food, 4-5:30 p.m. For details, visit *www.southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org*

NEW ENGLAND BARN DANCE
1/5, 8–11 p.m., All dances are taught, with a special preview to the steps at 7:45 p.m. Live band.Water Mill Community House, 743 Montauk Highway, Watermill. Tickets are $14, $7 for students, free for kids under 16. Contact Karin Strong, *631-725-3103 www.litma.org*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
1/6, 10–11 a.m. Whiskey Hill Circuit. Meet on Mill Path off Lopers Path (heading East), Bridgehampton. Moderately paced, 1.5 mile scenic hike with ocean views led by Jean Dodds. *631-599-2391*

SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST!
1/6, 7–11 a.m., Sundays through 3/31. Come support the firehouse! 179 Fort Pond Blvd., East Hampton. $8 Adults/$7 Seniors/ $5 Children 6 and under. Contact any SFD member or Angie Mendez, *631-599-8180*

THE PICTURE SHOW PRESENTS ELVIS PRESLEY WEEKEND AT THE BAY STREET THEATRE
1/11 & 1/12, 8 p.m., Speedway on 1/11 & Kid Galahad on 1/12. Tickets are $7. 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-9500 www.baystreet.org*

MACBETH AT LTV STUDIOS
1/11 & 1/12, 8 p.m., 1/13, 2 p.m., and the following weekend, 1/18 & 1/19, 8 p.m. & 1/20, 2 p.m. LTV Studios,75 Industrial Road, Wainscott. Tickets are $25 adults, $15 students/ seniors, available at the door. *631-324-9642 www.ltveh.org & www.roundtabletheatrecompany.org*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
1/12, 10 a.m.-noon. Paumanok Path to the Mulvihill Preserve. Meet at Sag Harbor Industries on the Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, opposite Verizon building. Moderately paced, 4 mile hike through oak forrest led by Joe Lane. *631-725-3942*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
1/13, 10 a.m.–noon. Sears Bellows Traverse. Meet on Spinney Road on the south side of CR24 just east of Birch Creek in Flanders. Led by Jim Crawford. *631-369-2341*

HARBOR HEIGHTS ZBA MEETING
1/15. 6:30 p.m., The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dealing with the development of the Harbor Heights gas station. Sag Harbor Village Hall, 55 Main Street.

FRNCA & FLANDERS FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOOD DRIVE
1/16, 1–7 p.m. Community blood drive at Flanders Fire Department Headquarters, 19 Firehouse Lane off Route 24 in Flanders. *631-574-8958*

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE
1/19, 10 a.m.–noon. Elliston Park Ramble. Meet at the Park entrance on Millstone Brook Road in Southampton. Led by Howard Reisman. *631-283-5376*

NARROW LANE CLEANUP
1/20, 8–9a.m. Help the Southampton Trails Preservation Society clean up litter from their adopted road. Meet on Narrow Lane and the east corner of Norris Lane. Bring gloves. STPS will supply bags. Led by Dai Dayton. *631-745-0689*

AN INAUGURAL CELEBRATION
1/21, 7–11 p.m. The Southampton Democratic Committee Celebrates President Obama's Second Inauguration. Dinner, dancing, & live music. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. Limited tickets available, $45 before 1/14, $50 after. For reservations/ info, contact Grania Brolin *631-237-4821 brolin@optonline.net*

SCREENING OF 'REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR: A PERSONAL PORTRAIT'
1/28, 3 p.m. Never formally released 1965 interview conducted by Arnold Michaelis with MLK in his Atlanta home. Director George Silano will offer a brief introduction. Reservations appreciated. *631-283-0774 www.myrml.org*

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KIDS' CALENDAR

For more events happening this week, check out:

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM'S AT LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM AND EXHIBITION CENTER
You're never to young to learn about the many fascinating creatures that live under (and above) the sea. Offered throughout December for ages 2–3 and 3–5. Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, *631-208-9200 www.longislandaquarium.com*

DONATE WOOL SWEATERS
10 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday–Friday, Christ Church Parish Hall, 4 E. Union Street, Sag Harbor. Clean wool sweaters in any size, in any state of repair sought for craft projects to support outreach programs. *631-725-0128 www.christchurchshny.org*

RHYME TIME
10–10:30 a.m. The Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. Songs, rhymes, stories and art exploration. Children ages 1–3. Contact Emily Herrick at *emily@hamptonlibrary.org 631-537-0015*

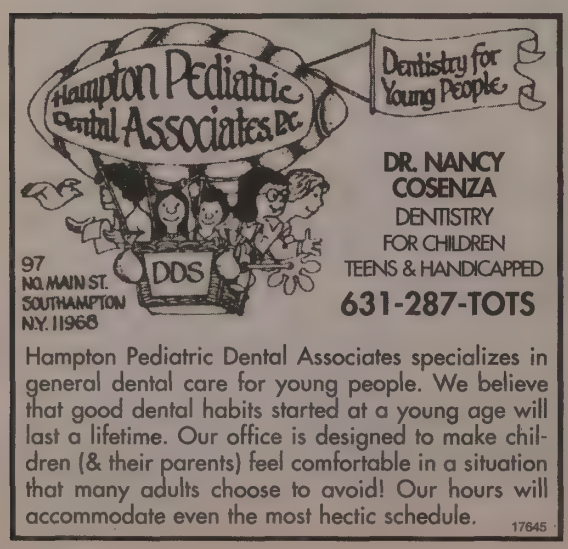
STORIES, SONGS & PLAYTIME
10:30 a.m. John Jermain Library. 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Librarian Susann will read a short story, do finger plays, sing songs & nursery rhymes, dance with children and put out toys for playtime. Ages 1–4. *631-725-0049 johnjermain.org*

WIGGLE AND GIGGLE WITH BOOKS
11:30–noon, East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street, East Hampton. Children will enjoy this interactive time with books as they listen to the words and move with the story. Babies–3 years. *631-324-0222x2 childrens@easthamptonlibrary.org*

LEGO MANIA!
3:30–4:30 p.m. The Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. Create anything you like with Legos at the library! A great chance for parents to relax and socialize. Ages 4–10. Contact Emily Herrick at *631-537-0015 emily@hamptonlibrary.org*

PENGUIN PALS AT EAST HAMPTON LIBRARY
4–5 p.m., Hands-on program for children to learn all about penguins and make one to take home. Hot cocoa and cookies too! Sign-up required. 159 Main Street, East Hampton. Grades K-2. *631-324-0222x2 childrens@easthamptonlibrary.org*

THE JEANETTE SARKISIAN WAGNER WRITING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS
5 p.m. This is your chance to explore writing outside of the classroom! Workshops meet on Thursdays through April. John Jermain Library, 34 Water Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-0049*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THE SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH BUREAU'S ACT TWO PROGRAM
6–7:30 p.m. Thursdays, The Hampton Bays Community Center, 25 Ponquogue Ave, Hampton Bays. Act TWO is a teen theatre troupe that performs short plays about issues teens confront on a day-to-day basis. Ages 13-18. Ongoing registration. *631-702-2421*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

PUPPET PLAY GROUPS
9 a.m. Fridays. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 E. Union Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-4193 www.goatonaboat.org*

MUSIC TOGETHER BY THE DUNES
9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Fridays. Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton Turnpike, Bridgehampton. For more information contact Ina Ferrara at *631-764-4180*

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL
10 a.m. Fridays. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. Parents/Caregivers with toddler's 10–36 months olds are invited to join us for an hour of interactive play. *631-267-3810 www.amaglibrary.org*

SHARK DIVE
11 a.m. Daily. ages 12 and up (12–17 must be accompanied by a parent). Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. No diving certification necessary. $155/nonmembers, $140/members (includes aquarium admission). *631-208-9200 www.longislandaquarium.com*

Footnotes

Fun with Holiday Crafts

Fun Christmas Crafts to Make and Bake by Annie Rigg and Catherine Woram (Ryland, Peters & Small, 2012) is chock-full o' projects to do with your kids, over 60 in fact. It's got easy-to-follow instructions for everything from paper snowflakes and chains to felt ornaments. Can't be bothered to sew on buttons?—glue 'em! Make your own snow globes?! We had nothin' like this when we were Santa fans. Handicrafts give children a chance to make something that their adults will treasure. But if you'd rather leave the instruction to others, check out what's on offer for kids this season at the local museums including the Children's Museum of the East End or at our beloved puppet theater, Goat on a Boat in Sag Harbor.

—Kendra Sommers

SOUTHAMPTON CULTURAL CENTER AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES
3:30–5 p.m. Fridays, After School art classes ages 4 to 11. 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. *631-287-4377 www.southamptonculturalcenter.org*

LEGO & GAMES
Fridays, 3:30 a.m. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. For Children 5 and up. *631-267-3810 www.amaglibrary.org*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

A CAVALCADE OF DOLLS AND TOYS
Bring the whole family to see the engaging dolls and toys from under Christmas trees of years gone by. On display at Clinton Academy on Saturdays from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sundays from noon–5 p.m. through the entire month of December. 151 Main Street, East Hampton. *631-324-6850*

LEGO CLUB
10 a.m.–noon. Saturdays. Children's Museum of the East End. 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike. *631-537-8250 www.cmee.org*

BUCKSKILL WINTER CLUB OPEN!
Public skating, skate rentals and sharpening, adult and junior hockey, high school team hockey, lessons, and more! Check website for hours *631-324-2243 www.buckskillwinterclub.com*

CMEE MOMMY AND ME THEMED ART PROJECTS FOR TODDLERS AND CAREGIVERS
1–2 p.m. 375 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. *631-537-8250 www.cmee.org*

STORY & CRAFT TIME
3:30 p.m., Perfect for families. Friends of the Amagansett Free Library. 215 Main Street. *631-267-3810*

LEGO RACERS AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY
3:30–4:30 p.m., Create a Lego racecar, then see how fast your car can go on the track. Contact Julie Anne Korpi, the Children's Librarian, 871 Montauk Hwy., Montauk. *631-668-3377*

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET AT GUILD HALL
4 p.m., Dance Conservatory Performance Project, directed by Valentina Kozlova, presents the Nutcracker at Guild Hall. $30 Adult, $20 Child. For tickets, call *212-868-4444 www.VKDCNY.com*

ROSS SCHOOL PRESENTS SATURDAY SPORTS CLINIC
4–6 p.m. Ross School Tennis Center, Offered to players ages 6 to 11 and feature two fun-filled hours of instructional clinics and games in tennis, soccer and basketball with tennis pro and multisport coach Joao Casagrande. 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. *631-907-5162 www.ross.org/tennis*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

SUNDAY STORY TIME
1:30 p.m. East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street, East Hampton. Open up your child's mind with stories from our picture book collections. Ages 3-plus. *631-324-0222*

SUNDAY GAMES
3:30–4:30 p.m. Sundays. John Jermain Library. 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Get away from TV screens and challenge your friends or family to a friendly board game competition. We'll provide a variety of games. Ages 3–9. *631-725-0049 johnjermain.org*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

GOAT ON A BOAT PUPPET THEATRE TOT ART
10:45 a.m. For kids ages 2–4 years old. 4 Hampton Street, Sag Harbor Free play, songs, games and circle fun and Puppet Show. *631-725-4193 goatonaboat.org*

STORY TIME WITH MISS K AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY
10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Listen to stories, sing songs and make crafts. Contact Julie Anne Korpi, The Children's Librarian. *631-668-3377*

ROSS SCHOOL FALL AFTERNOON CLASSES
18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. Ross School offers classes for all grade levels K–5. *631-907-5555 www.ross.org/community*

WHBPAC FALL ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM
Classes through 2/11. 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Some of the most innovative performing arts training for all ages and skill levels in a nurturing, positive and sage learning environment. Classes in puppetry, acting, music, singing and dance. Registration now open. *631-288-2350 x102 JulienneP@whbpac.org*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

CELEBRATE BOXING DAY IN THE TEEN ROOM AT ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2:30–4 p.m., Teens 11–17 are invited to celebrate the English tradition of Boxing Day. Snacks will mimic a ploughman's lunch: pickles, cheese and bread. Horse racing will provide the entertainment. Embellish and take home a ceramic piggy bank. 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton, *631-283-0774 www.myrml.org*

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FOOD & DINING

SIDE DISH
Where to save while dining out

Restaurant Review: First and South

BY STACY DERMONT

I was happy to spend 12/12/12 in Greenport on a mini-getaway. To celebrate my husband's birthday we stayed overnight at the Harborfront Inn. Of course we dined at First and South—it's been on my list of restaurants to try since it opened last spring. In fact, when we checked in at the Harborfront the attendant suggested, unprompted, that we have dinner there.

First and South is, as you may have calculated, on the corner of First and South Streets. It's housed in a big, welcoming Victorian. Co-owner Sarah Phillips showed us around. I love the "funky stuff" like the old, peely-paint ice box used for storage and the chalkboard wall in the dining room. Local artists decorate this wall; right now it's adorned with the image of a large fireplace decorated for Christmas.

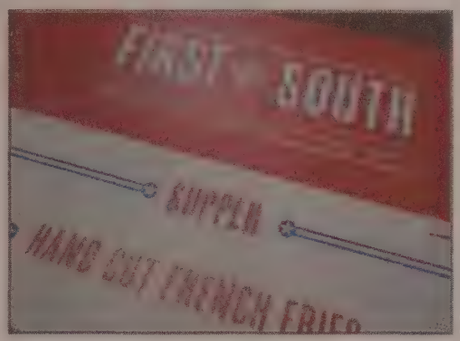
We chose to dine in the bar at a cozy table. Bartender Kevin warmed us up with a Winters Crush (me) and a Sidecar (Husband). I adored my "Crush" of blackberries, lemon juice, cloves, allspice, honey, Calvados and Jameson Irish Whiskey, served warm. I really liked the added textural interest of the blackberry seeds. I'd have it again—though I may have to wait a bit. First and South, which has been open seven days a week all year, is taking a well-deserved rest beginning January 4, through February 14, 2013.

Husband found his Sidecar quite sour, effectively grapefruity in flavor.

Some local favorites on the bar menu include Sparkling Pointe, Lieb Cellars, Jamesport Vineyards, Macari Vineyards, and Greenport Harbor beers.

Naturally we had to try the award-winning, hand-cut French fries. Sooo good! They're about the size of my fingers and served—just as they should be—piping hot. Do yourself a "flavor" and order both the Black Garlic Aioli AND the Sriracha Mayo for dipping. The "Home Made Ketchup" did not excite, but those fries! I kept eating them long after I should have stopped.

Our server Sean made some helpful suggestions but he seemed to genuinely be in lust with every item on the menu.



S. Dermont
The menu tells the tale...

I was, as usual, not in the mood for Crispy Duck Tongue, so I ordered the Winner Winner Chicken Dinner. A half chicken with delish mashed potatoes and Swiss chard, it was a winner in that the meat was tender, moist and mild. The Swiss chard was quite fresh but had a hint of smokiness to it. I ate all of my veggies but had most of the bird wrapped for lunch the next day. I was too stuffed to even try a dessert—especially after I'd "helped" Husband with his salad.

Husband ordered the Cauliflower Salad and he's still raving about it. Local cauliflower with chopped almonds and ribbons of carrot in garlic yogurt. Quote: "This is a pretty incredible way of serving cauliflower!"

Husband moved on to the Skirt Steak which he quite liked—I didn't get any of that. At first he enjoyed the accompanying Roasted Autumn Vegetables but he soon grew weary of the required heavy chewing—they weren't very "roasted."

Sean's description of the New York Cheese Plate was enticing but Husband had also failed to save room for dessert.

We can't wait to get back to try breakfast and lunch at First and South. I'm generally impressed with Chef Taylor Knapp's work and I'm excited to see—and taste—what year two will bring. In the meantime, you might well enjoy attending their New Year's bash. It features dinner service until 1:30 a.m. plus signature snacks and live music for only $65 per person. (Make your reservations right away!) First and South promises "simple food made great, great food made simply."

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BY SILVIA LEHRER

The Christmas season is a time for warm hospitality and festive entertaining. Invitations have been out for weeks. A Christmas brunch, an open house, a New Year's buffet, or a small festive dinner party will be planned for entertaining at home, and it need not be an elaborate feast.

Visions of roast turkey—had enough at Thanksgiving, thank you—roast beef and Yorkshire pudding would be very nice, yet I'm thinking fish for the holiday. Years ago I attended the Cordon Bleu in London and one of the memorable dishes that I brought back with me was *truite farci*, French for mousse of sole-stuffed trout. The food processor makes light work of the gelatinous and savory mousse served with a simple but seductive shallot/parsley sauce to spoon over the baked stuffed trout. The dish will bring a little bit of Paris into your kitchen. Many of you know my passion for potatoes; potato chive galette, a crispy potato cake, is my choice to accompany the delicate but delectable trout. The mousse for the trout incorporates white wine; pair the trout with an intensely flavored chardonnay—use the same wine in the cooking and to complement the meal.

For dessert, throw caution to the wind and serve a rich, chocolatey chocolate cake or an elegant tart tatin, such as the pear tatin in my *Savoring the Hamptons* cookbook. Happy Holidays and happy feasting!

TRUITE FARCI

A classic stuffed trout with mousse of sole, French style, makes a festive holiday dinner entree.

Served 6

3 even-size trout, about 12 ounces each
3/4 pound fresh sole or haddock

Potato Chive Galette

3 egg whites, whipped until frothy
1/3 cup heavy cream
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened

Shallot Parsley Sauce

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 shallots finely diced
1 cup dry white wine
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
3 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf Italian parsley

1. Have fishmonger scale, clean and remove backbone from each fish, leaving head and tail intact. Carefully, with a small sharp knife, remove any small bones that are left. Rinse and dry thoroughly, and set aside.

2. Trim and discard the reed-thin center bony line from the center of the sole or haddock fillets, rinse and pat dry. Cut fillets into chunks and put in the work bowl of food processor and purée. Slowly add whipped egg whites and the cream through the feed tube until thoroughly incorporated. Add a bit more cream if mixture is too thick and season with salt and pepper to taste.

3. With a rubber spatula, scrape the purée from the bowl. Divide equally and stuff the cavity of each fish. Reshape the trout and lift carefully into a well-buttered baking (Pyrex) dish. Spread some softened butter over each fish. Can be done ahead to this point. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to bake.

4. Meanwhile prepare the sauce: Melt the 3 tablespoons butter in a skillet, add shallots and sauté for 2 to 3 minutes until tender but not brown. Add wine and bring to the edge of *(Cont'd on page 90)*

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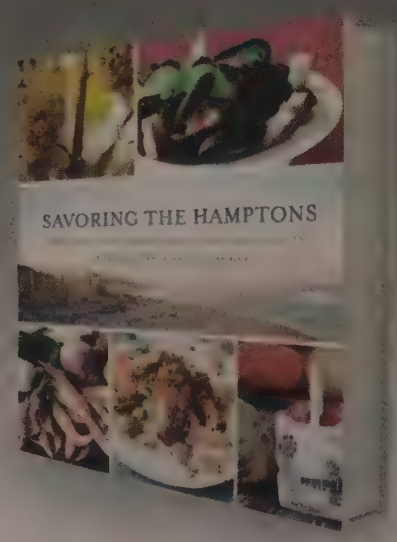

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Dining Out In Style Christmas Eve – Call Ahead!

BY AJI JONES

SIDE DISH

The American Hotel in Sag Harbor serves dinner seven nights from 5 p.m. Entrée selections may include grilled veal sweetbreads a la Florentine ($26); sautéed sea scallops with fall squash and truffle risotto ($38); local Peking duckling a la bigarade with wild rice ($30). The restaurant will also be open Christmas Eve. 631-725-3535

Race Lane in East Hampton will serve dinner on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 and on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 beginning at 5 p.m. Menu selections may include organic seared salmon with Tuscan kale, raisins, almonds and roasted red pepper sauce ($28); house rolled gnocchi with local lobster, morels, truffle butter, peas and tarragon ($29); and braised short ribs with whipped potatoes, baby carrots, beets and horseradish gremolata ($32). 631-324-5022

Stonewalls Restaurant in East Quogue will offer a three-course prix fixe menu for Christmas Eve beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner offerings may include pan-seared sea scallops with a light garlic purée, saffron oil, fingerling potato salad and haricot verts; Crescent Farm Long Island duck a l'orange with haricot verts and wild rice; and veal escalopine with mushrooms, shallots, Madeira, haricot verts, purée crecy and potato. 631-506-0777

Art of Eating Catering in Amagansett presents holiday catering menus for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Orders must be placed in advance. Entrée offerings include pepper crusted whole filet of beef with onion crisps ($54.50/lb); whole grilled salmon boneless and stuffed with citrus, oven dried grapes and fresh herbs grilled over maple wood ($36/lb); and roasted Long Island duck with duck sausage and sundried cherry dressing ($21.50 per person). 631-267-2411

Bistro 72 at the Indigo Hotel in Riverhead serves lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. Dinner offerings may include pan-seared Atlantic sea scallops with green scallion beurre blanc, roasted tri-color baby potatoes and steamed asparagus ($28); French-cut chicken breast topped with asparagus, beefsteak tomatoes, smoked gouda, Madeira wine reduction and Riverhead cauliflower mashed potatoes ($24); and smoked short ribs with Long Island red wine reduction, white cheddar polenta, baby spinach and candied bacon sticks ($32). 631-369-3325

S. Dermont

Rowdy Hall in East Hampton serves dinner daily from 5 p.m. Menu selections may include all natural pork chop with roasted Halsey Farm apples, local cheese pumpkin and onion cranberry marmalade ($24); local swordfish with roasted acorn squash, winter greens and salsa verde ($28); and coq au vin of red wine braised chicken, crimini mushrooms, pearl onions, bacon lardoons and egg noodles ($24). 631-324-8555

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a boil. Cook rapidly for a few minutes to reduce the wine by one third and season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

5. Preheat oven to 350°F. If trout was refrigerated, bring to room temperature and bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes. You may slide the fish under the broiler for a minute or two to crisp the skin before serving, or the skin may be peeled back and discarded. Just before serving, warm the sauce as necessary, being careful not to evaporate the liquid. Stir in the parsley and spoon over the trout.

POTATO CHIVE GALETTE

The clarified butter will allow the potatoes to cook and crisp slowly without burning. To clarify, melt butter in a small saucepan; then discard milk solids.

Serves 6 to 8

3 pounds boiling potatoes
3 to 4 tablespoons thinly sliced chives
6 tablespoons clarified butter
1 1/2 teaspoons coarse salt
Freshly ground pepper
Finely chopped parsley for garnish

1. Peel potatoes and grate coarsely or grate in food processor with shredding blade in place. Transfer to a mixing bowl and cover with cold water.

2. Drain in a colander. Transfer to a clean kitchen towel and pat dry. Lift up ends of towel and twist to squeeze out excess moisture. Potatoes should be absolutely dry. Transfer to a bowl and toss with sliced chives.

3. Heat 4 tablespoons clarified butter in a large non-stick skillet, tilting pan to completely coat bottom and sides. When butter is foamy, put in the grated potatoes and, with a flat wooden spatula, form a smooth dome with no straggly loose strands around the edges. Potatoes should sizzle as they go into the pan. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper and drizzle with remaining butter. Cover with aluminum foil and cook over medium to medium-low heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until the bottom is browned and crisped. While cooking, shake pan gently over heat so the galette does not stick.

4. When edges are detached from sides of the skillet put a large plate, face down over the skillet. Holding plate and skillet firmly, reverse pan and turn out galette. Return pan to heat and carefully slide galette into it to cook other side. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes longer.

5. Transfer to a warm serving platter. Sprinkle top with chopped parsley and slice into wedges for serving.

To Prepare Ahead: Follow steps 1 and 2 early in day. Follow steps 3 and 4 up to two hours ahead. Cover galette with buttered parchment and let stand at room temperature. Place in a 200° degree oven for 15 minutes to reheat.

Above recipes reprinted from Silvia Lehrer's new e-book, *The Simple Art of Cooking.*

Visit Silvia's website SavoringtheHamptons.com for more information.

Inside Brewster's Seafood Market

BY GEORGE HOLZMAN III

Long Island has had a flourishing seafood industry from pre-colonial times. Whether it's shellfish or finfish, chances are what you eat for dinner in your home or while dining at local restaurants comes from local waters, caught by local fishermen. But is it fresh? Who can you trust to deliver the freshest local seafood? One local market that has been in business for over 30 years is Brewster's Seafood Market, located at 252 East Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays.

Open since 1981, Brewster's was originally called Indian Cove Seafood Market and was founded by Roger Tollefsen. Tollefsen has served as the president of the New York Seafood Council since 1991. After owning the Indian Cove Seafood Market for 20 years Tollefsen sold the store to Brewster Minton, who moved out to Long Island after 9/11. Minton previously owned other establishments including a gym in Hoboken, New Jersey. Minton sold to Russ Moran of Russ Moran Custom Catering, who now owns the business.

Brewster's is open seven days a week for both lunch and dinner. You can order anything from clam strips and fries to a whopping five-pound lobster. They also offer salads (both seafood and vegetarian), burgers and more. Brewster's has served such celebrities as rapper Jay-Z and songstress Beyoncé, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban and even, former member of rap group Public Enemy, Flava Flav.

If you have never seen the lower level of Brewster's Seafood Market you'd be amazed at what's down there. They have a steamer from a battleship that is used to cook up lobster bakes for parties. They can cook up to 100 lobsters an hour and they frequently cater parties (especially in the summer) that can include up to 250 lobster bakes. A lobster bake consists of one lobster (from one pound and up), an ear of corn with fresh butter and a shellfish bag which includes steamers, mussels, little neck clams and shrimp that is sprinkled with garlic before being steamed. Yum.

G. Holzman III

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There is also a huge smoker, which has made Brewster's a famous spot to get delicious smoked fish. They have smoked sea scallops, salmon, white fish including sea bass, swordfish and more. Around the winter holidays they sell hundreds of pounds of smoked eel for local parties.

Brewster's process of smoking fish is quite elaborate. First the fish are cut and then they soak in brine for hours and hours. After the soaking, the fish are put on racks that are first sprayed with non-stick spray. Once on the racks, ice is used to fill the bottom of the smoker and the woodchips under the smoker are lit. This is only the beginning of the process. The product is then smoked overnight for 12 hours or so. Once the fish has cooled down, some fish are put on trays for the upstairs market area while others are made into salmon or whitefish pâté.

And then there's the shrimp machine. There are only three of these machines in the United States. This device is made of metal and it stands at about five feet tall. It has a conveyor belt inside. The shrimp are spread across the belt and are split open with a blade and the shell and vein are removed. This saves both time and labor. A person peeling and de-veining shrimp by hand can't compete with this monster. The shrimp machine is an essential tool around the winter holidays when thousands of pounds of shrimp are sold.

Next time you're in Hampton Bays you should stop in at Brewster's Seafood Market. They love to give tours of both the upstairs and downstairs. You'll be able to see the things I've described in delicious action. Seeing—and eating—is believing.

Sit back, relax and have a fresh tuna sandwich (it sure beats that stuff in the can), or a shrimp cocktail, and a cold drink.

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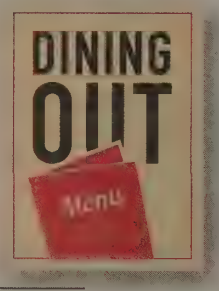

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It's a popular place with those working in the nearby courts. When we asked cook Nigel Ranghell if he can tell if his customers are winning or losing their cases he said, "Sometimes...you can tell."

Ranghell will be attending classes next door at the Suffolk County Community College Culinary Arts Institute this spring.

What will he cook up next?

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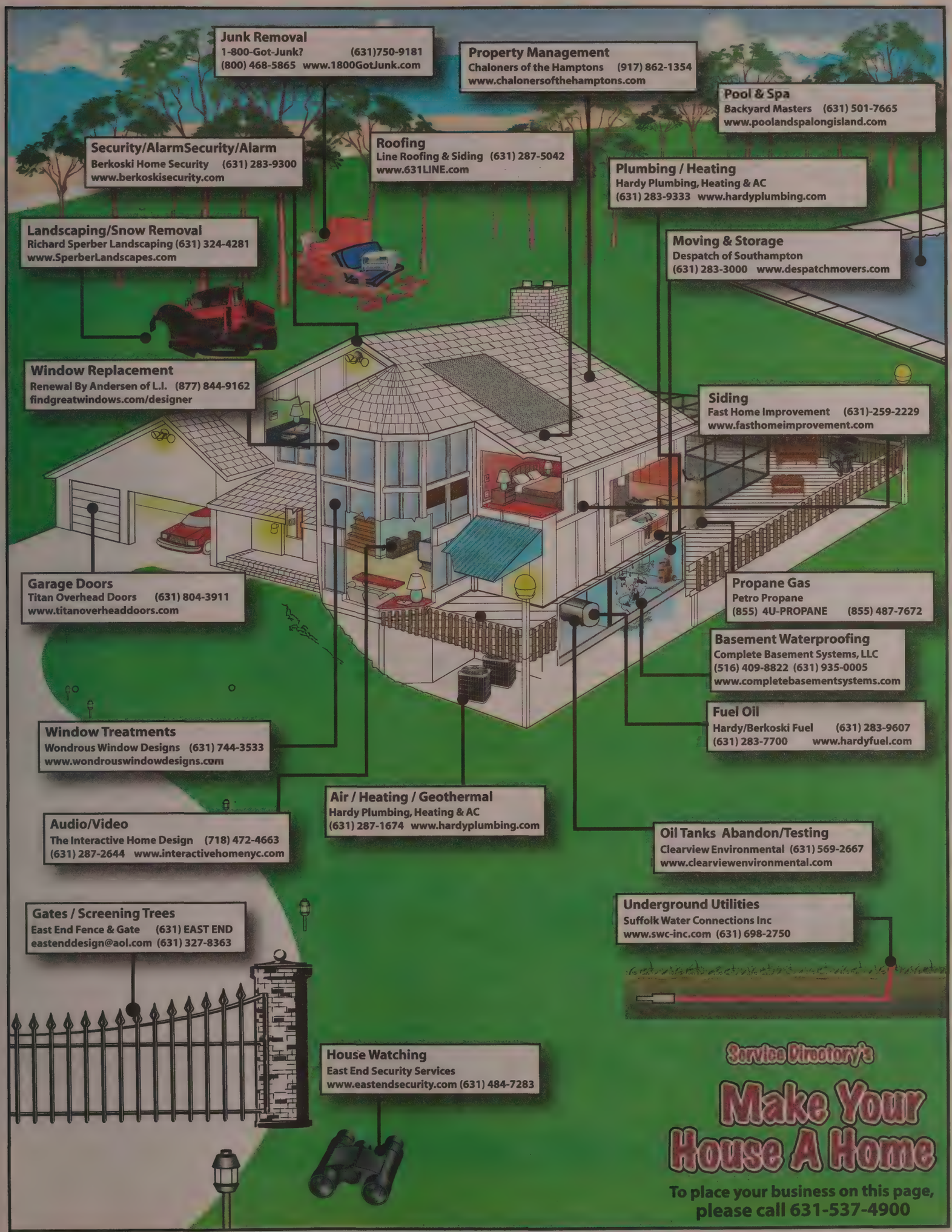
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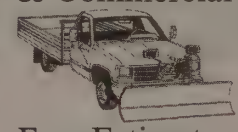

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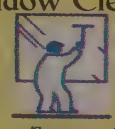

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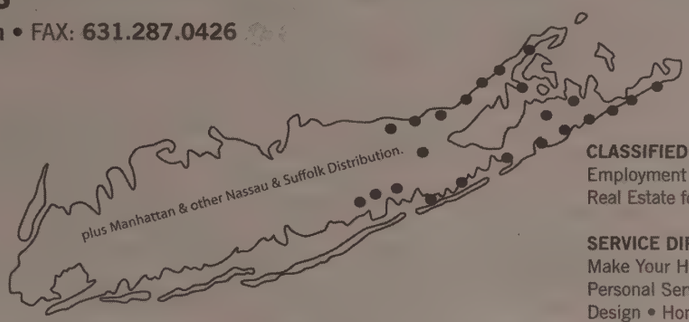

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Whether we're watching a car commercial, beauty ad or promotional advertorial for the latest blockbuster film, the power of each spot is in the message and the creative edge. The Corcoran Group really hit the ball out of the park with this commercial placement and unique production. And, it appears a star was born. Hey, every dog has his day.

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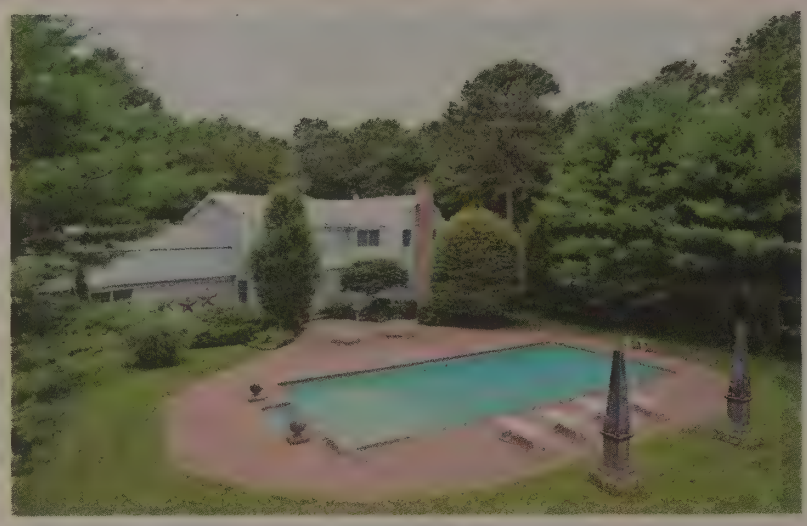

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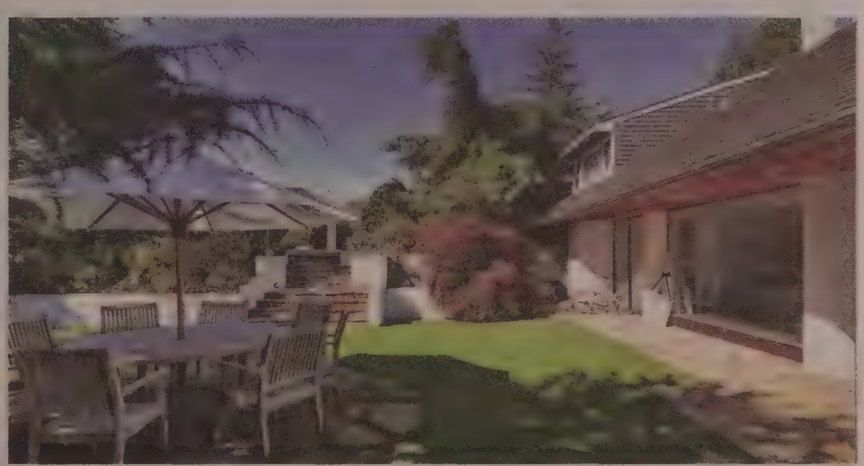
SECLUDED SANCTUARY

Bridgehampton. Organically designed to meld with its 5 acre setting, this contemporary barn is just minutes away from the village. Six bedrooms, six baths, great room with wood burning fireplace, large screened-in porch with fireplace and master suite with gorgeous views of the property; three guest bedrooms and office. 1,200 SF pool house has living room and sauna. Detached garage with studio above. 50 foot heated gunite pool, designer touches throughout. Exclusive. **$3.25M WEB# 54202**



THREE ACRES OF UTOPIA IN BRIDGEHAMPTON SOUTH

Bridgehampton. A gorgeous three acre parcel awaits the lucky buyer of this Bridgehampton South compound, beautifully secluded yet located within steps to ocean beaches. Already on the property: a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home, guest cottage, heated pool, tennis court, gazebo, specimen trees and detached garage. All that's needed to make it your dream home are your personal touches. Co-Exclusive. **$6.9M WEB# 40588**

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MONTAUK'S HITHER HILLS

Montauk. With a recent price reduction and ideal location with beach rights, this 2 story cedar shingled home offers 4 bedrooms 3 baths and a cozy fireplace. Exclusive. **$1.195M WEB# 55084**

MONTAUK'S HITHER WOODS

Montauk. This spacious 5000 SF+/- oceanview contemporary offers 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths 2 fireplaces, a finished basement all on a wooded acre with room for a pool. Exclusive. **$1.85M WEB# 53504**

LAKE MONTAUK COTTAGE

Montauk. Cozy cottage with sandy beach, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, full unfinished basement, detached garage, and slate patio overlooking the lake. Exclusive. **$1.5M WEB# 75239**

HITHER WOODS PEACEFUL SETTING

Montauk. This amazing ocean view property features 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, a beautiful yard, in-ground heated pool, stone fireplace, and screened-in porch. Exclusive. **$2.1M WEB# 51265**

DURYEA'S IN MONTAUK

Montauk. This historical property includes 650 feet of shoreline, a 200' pier, buildings about 8000 SF+/-, and 1400 SF+/- "Lobster Deck" outdoor dining. Co-Exclusive. **$5.9M WEB# 26296**

UNSURPASSED LAKE MONTAUK

Montauk. Situated on a 1.5 acre peninsula with approximately 900' of waterfront this contemporary offers 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths and waterviews from every room. Exclusive. **$2.4M WEB# 12229**

MONTAUK'S HITHER HILLS

Montauk. Sitting on a very desirable flat almost 3/4 acre parcel in Montauk's Hither Hills is this cottage with attached garage, pool, and ocean beach rights. Exclusive. **$975K WEB# 46330**

NEW OCEAN SIDE IN DITCH

Montauk. Amazing location with unobstructed oceanviews over town preserve is this comfortably situated cottage with 3 bdrms, 2 baths and a roof deck to enjoy. Exlcusive. **$1.995M WEB# 54334**

HITHER HILLS LARGE ACREAGE

Montauk. Sitting at the top of Grant Drive in Hither Hills is this large, approximately one and half acre parcel ready for the discerning buyer to develop their dream home. With plenty of room for a pool and possible distant ocean views along with the very desirable ocean beach rights you really do have it all! Exclusive. **$890K WEB# 08367**

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CLASSIC POST MODERN

Westhampton. This Post Modern home hidden on a lushly appointed 1 acre property with many specimen plantings is amongst the finer homes in Westhampton. The home has 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, a large great room with sky lights, finished basement, and a separate guest wing. Exclusive. **$1.52M WEB# 53244**

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH THIS FOUR ACRES

East Quogue. The last of the large waterfront properties in East Quogue! The property is complemented by a new gunite pool with surrounding mahogany decking, pool house, architecturally designed tennis court, nature trails with many specimen plantings, and an existing floating dock. Exclusive. **$1.595M WEB# 45550**

MINUTES TO OCEAN BEACH

Hampton Bays. The charm of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Hampton Bays Cape on a cul-de-sac will overwhelm you! Home featured include an updated kitchen and bathrooms, screened in porch, new heating system, updated electric service, fireplace, heated pool with spa. Exclusive. **$499,500 WEB# 44737**

EAST QUOGUE RANCH

East Quogue. Located within a waterfront community, this ranch has three bedrooms, two baths, an eat in kitchen, hardwood floors, a basement, and a two-car garage on a double lot. Residents have community playground for the children, and a boat launching ramp. Exclusive. **$449K WEB# 25816**

HARTS COVE - GATED ENTRY

East Moriches. Classy condo with views of Moriches Bay. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit has been updated with new sliders, oak floors, a fireplace and deck. Community pool, tennis court and boat slip. Enjoy this magnificent estate setting adorned with ponds and protected areas as you drive to your bayfront villa. Exclusive **$419K WEB# 49997**

SECLUDED WATERFRONT CONTEMPORARY

East Quogue. This Contemporary waterfront property is complimented by its many ornamental terraced gardens .The design of this property is accented by glass sliders affording magnificent views in all directions.There are 5 bedrooms with verandas, 5 luxury bathrooms, gunite pool and a floating dock. Exclusive **$2.799M WEB# 44493**

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IDYLLIC IN BRIDGEHAMPTON

Bridgehampton. Sun-filled 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath traditional with den on a tranquil cul de sac. Huge cook's kitchen opening to patio and pool that are surrounded by gorgeous lawns and lush greenery. Attached garage and much more. All this just a quick stroll to the village. Exclusive. **$1.675M WEB# 38105**

SOPHISTICATED HAMPTON WATERS LIVING

East Hampton. Mint 4 bedroom 2.5 bath contemporary beach house. Sun filled open plan living room with fireplace, spacious kitchen, dining room, den. Ensuite master with sauna. Loads of decking, heated pool, attached garage. Beach and water access just around the corner. Exclusive. **$795K WEB# 31043**

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SPECTACULAR WESTHAMPTON WATERFRONT

Westhampton. Renovated Atlantic Farms 6,000 SF+/-. contemporary has 6 bedrooms, 5 full bathrooms and 1.5 bath including 2 master suites, one with elevator access. Finished basement. Heated pool, hot tub, a deep-water bulk-headed dock set on 1.5 manicured acres. Exclusive. **$3.395M WEB# 22207**

OCEAN DELIGHT TRADITIONAL

Westhampton Dunes. Four bedroom, 4 bathroom home has 360° water views throughout and 70' of ocean. Watch the waves break from the first floor great room with fireplace. Oceanside gunite swimming pool and walkway to the beach. Exclusive. **$2.59M WEB# 55334**

WESTHAMPTON BEACH CONTEMPORARY SOUTH OF THE HIGHWAY

Westhampton Beach. This sunny one level contemporary home features 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, a living room with a fireplace and central air-conditioning. New deck with a heated swimming pool. Beautiful vistas from your own viewing deck. Convenient to ocean beaches. Exclusive. **$1.225M WEB# 47406**

QUOGUE VILLAGE - POOL AND TENNIS

Quogue. Mint condition 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom contemporary with a heated swimming pool and har-tru tennis court. There is sun-filled living room with a fireplace and with sliders opening to the expansive deck. Short drive to the village beach that Quogue is known for. Exclusive **$1.075M WEB# 12144**

QUOGUE VILLAGE CONTEMPORARY

Quogue. Spend carefree days in this summer retreat in the quaint village of Quogue known for its beach and low taxes. With a heated swimming pool, a Har-Tru tennis court, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, this contemporary is the perfect place for entertaining. Living room with fireplace. Exclusive **$1.05M WEB# 51407**

WESTHAMPTON BEACH DUPLEX

Westhampton Beach. Harbor House duplex overlooking the Village Marina has 3 bedrooms plus a den. The complex includes the heated swimming pool and canal with docking. Convenient to stores, library, restaurants and theater, this year round waterfront retreat is resort living at its best. Co-Exclusive **$649K WEB# 50591**

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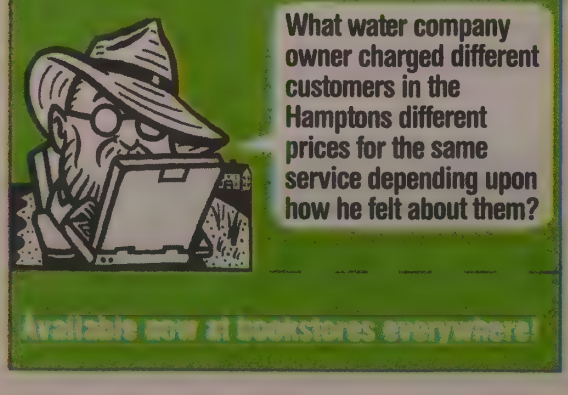
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Valerie Mnuchin to Angela & Constantine Karides, 12 South Wood Court, **$3,445,000**

Jesse D. Johnson Trust to Michael J. Frishberg, 21 Mako Lane, **$1,325,000**

BRIDGEHAMPTON
Michael Benisty to 198 Highland Terrace LLC, 202 Highland Terrace, **$6,300,000**

EAST HAMPTON
Elaine Kolodny to Peter T. Izaak, 9 Bull Path Close, **$1,400,000**

Dennis & Janet Berger to Hilary & Richard Cooper, 22 Jericho Close Road, **$3,850,000**

Villa Da Vinci LLC to Marguerite & Richard Milazzo, 17 Jericho Lane, **$3,000,000**

EASTPORT
Eda & Michael Fey to Joseph & Margaret Mattone, 53A South Bay Avenue, **$1,200,000**

MONTAUK
Robert F. McNamara to Davis Startop LLC, 58 Startop Drive, **$3,675,000**

SAG HARBOR
Amelia & Marc Doggwiler to 11 Yale Road LLC, 11 Yale Road, **$2,250,000**

SAGAPONACK
JALR Realty LLC to Shaun & Stephanie Golden, 496 Wainscott Harbor Road, **$3,275,000**

Louise Linden to 555 Sag LLC, 555 Sagaponack Road, **$18,000,000**

Silvera Beach Properties LLC to Orange River LLC, 165 Daniels Lane, **$6,700,000**

SOUTHAMPTON
Deborah Lee Ginsburg to Jane & Kent Christian, 147 Wooley Street, **$2,350,000**

Nicholas Alimanestianu to Joseph & Victoria Conte 167 Breese Lane, **$1,825,000**

WATER MILL
Gail & Martin Eisen to Anton Katz, 1324 Flying Point Road, **$4,320,000**

Roy S. Zeluck to Robert K. Morris, 44 Little Noyac Path, **$4,275,000**

★★★ BIG DEAL OF THE WEEK: RIVERHEAD ★★★

Phillips 66 Co. to United Riverhead Terminal Inc., Sound Shore Road, **$24,169,070**

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SALES OF NOT QUITE A MILLION DURING THIS PERIOD

EAST HAMPTON
Karen & Michael Baldridge to 2012 CJP Hampton Trust Agreement, 63 Cove Hollow Road, **$925,000**

FISHERS ISLAND
Lisa K. Howlett to Annegerd E. Bunting, Isabella Beach Road, **$900,000**

MATTITUCK
Jacqueline A. Potdevin to Jane M. McLaughlin, 65 Old Salt Road, **$640,000**

NOYACK
Donna Colonna to Stefanie & William Brandefine, 10 Northview Hills Court, **$847,500**

ORIENT
Richard L. Duchano to Steven Bauer, 27005 Main Road, **$660,000**

QUOGUE
Suzanne Aasbo to Alice Cordelia Brown, 8 Wintergreen Way, **$649,000**

RIVERHEAD
Pamela J. Greene (Referee) to F.N.M.A.,181 Scenic Lake Drive, **$534,705**

SHELTER ISLAND
Barbara M. Silverstone to Steven Jauffrineau, 2 Great Circle Drive, **$635,000**

SOUTHAMPTON
Caron Chess to Claudia Aronow, 219 Big Fresh Pond Road, **$900,000**

WADING RIVER
Campo Brothers to Greg & Joanne Gennaro, 32 Julias Way, **$657,000**

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OCEANFRONT MASTERPIECE

Westhampton Beach. Exquisitely finished, totally rebuilt 5 en-suite bedroom home. This stunning home has been battle tested by Hurricane Sandy and stands strong in an impeccable jetty protected location. This sun drenched 4,000 SF+/- residence offers state-of-the-art amenities throughout, 2 fireplaces, media room, roof top deck, ocean side heated gunite pool, full outdoor kitchen, and a generator. Exclusive. **$5.495M WEB# 41477**

15.3 ACRE 5 LOT SUBDIVISION

Hampton Bays. Builder's dream 15.3 acres - the smallest lot is 2.76 acres and the largest is 3.49 acres. The Peconic Bay is just across the street and with a very high elevation all homes should have a second floor water view. Three driveways serve all 5 lots; there is no need for the developer to put in a road or utilities. Lots are not being sold separately. Opportunity knocks.
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NORMANDY HOUSE

Southampton. Spanning 8.4 acres of meticulous estate grounds on Lake Agawam overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Normandy House is constructed on a grand scale yet unique for its intimacy. The lovely entry foyer opens on to one breathtaking room after another, grand salon, 17th century paneled library, solarium. The grounds also feature a 3 bedroom guest house and Lake side Pool House. Exclusive. **$29.75M WEB# 23126**

ON PONDVIEW LANE

East Hampton. South of the highway within the sound of crashing waves, huge living room, sunroom, library, professional kitchen, 6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, pool/ guest house, gunite pool, 3-car garage. Exclusive. **$5.995M WEB# 40985**

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MAGNIFICENT OCEANFRONT

Westhampton Dunes. Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath post modern. Sited on 120' of oceanfront, this custom quality built home offers a wonderful kitchen and dining area, as well as a den for gathering. Heated gunite pool with spa, multiple decks, cabana with bath, and the best ocean and bay views from sunrise to sunset. Exclusive. **$4.295M WEB# 39711**

NEWLY RENOVATED BEAUTIFUL OCEANFRONT

Westhampton Dunes. Magnificent 5 bedroom, 5 bath, 3 story residence. The kitchen has just been renovated to open up the living space. Professionally decorated throughout, with 8 flat screen TV's, home theatre, central air conditioning and generator. Oceanside Gunite heated pool, walkway to ocean and bay views. Exclusive **$3.395M WEB# 21787**

PERFECT AND CHARMING

Remsenburg. Builders own 3 bedroom, 2 bath Craftsman home on shy half acre. Large eat-in kitchen, den, deck, pool.
Co-Exclusive. **$879K WEB# 45112**

EASY OCEANFRONT LIVING

Westhampton Beach. This 1 bedroom, 1 bath Dune Road co-op is in perfect condition. Enjoy amazing ocean and bay views, complex pool and tennis court. All you need to do is just show up - this is easy living. Access to the bay across the street, and minutes to the Village of Westhampton Beach.
Exclusive. **$295K WEB# 39902**

GRAND AND GRACIOUS REMSENBURG ESTATE

Remsenburg. Pristine 5,600 SF+/- Post Modern on two acres. First floor master, full basement, screen porch, pool, 10 car garage and chef's kitchen. Must be seen to believe.
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INCOMPARABLE 1.6 ACRES
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3.11 ACRE LAKEFRONT GEM
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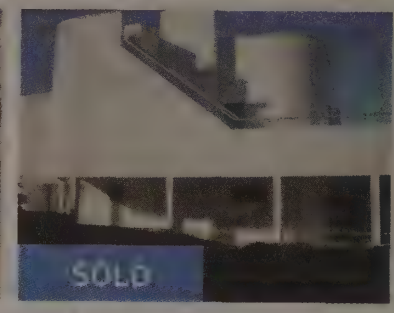
SPECTACULAR HITHER HILLS
Montauk. $3.995M

1.4 ACRE EAST LAKE ESTATE
Montauk. $3.975

HITHER WOODS ACRE, POOL
Montauk. $3.55M

FABULOUS 1.7 ACRE SOUNDFRONT
Montauk. $2.7M

2 ACRE HITHER HILLS HOME
Montauk. $2.195M



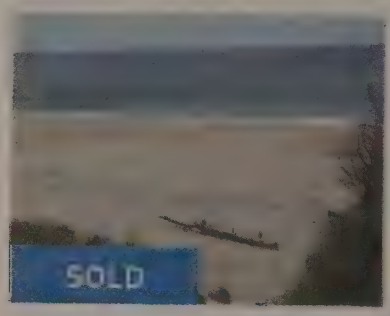
1.22 ACRE HITHER HILLS
Montauk. $1.945M

CUSTOM MODERN WITH POOL
Montauk. $1.395M

POST MODERN WITH POOL
Montauk. $1.175M

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
Montauk. $1.125M

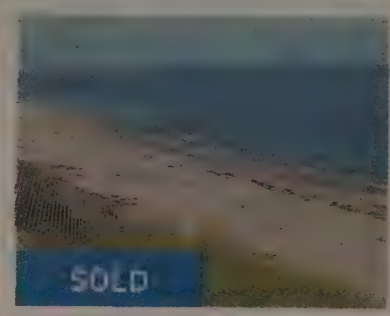
HITHER HILLS BEACH HOME
Montauk. $949K



HITHER HILLS .63 ACRE OCEAN
Montauk. $899K

HITHER WOODS SALTBOX
Montauk. $880K

CULLODEN POINT 1.76 ACRES
Montauk. $865K



CULLODEN SHORES BEST LAND
Montauk. $355K

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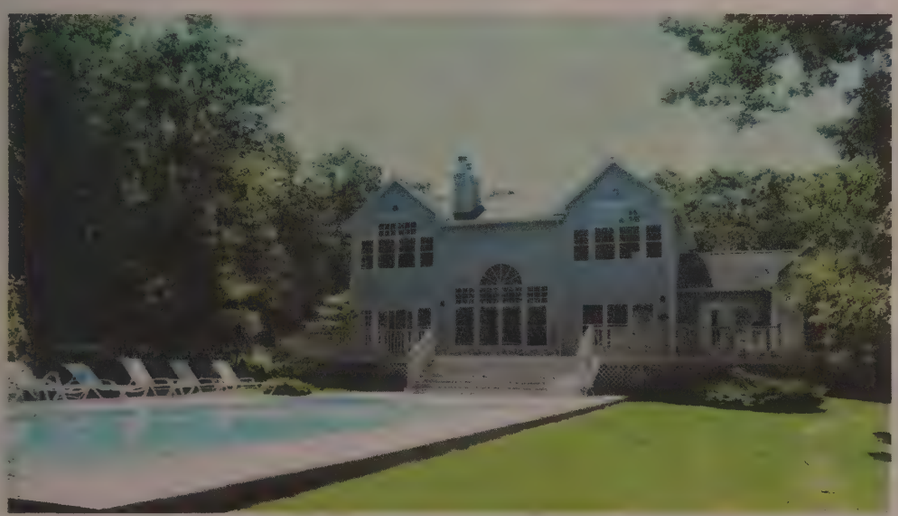
Sag Harbor. Wonderful circa 1830s residential/commercial building in Sag Harbor Village with separate commercial cottage/studio. Has main floor retail space with 4+ rooms, 2nd floor includes 2 apartments, with a beautifully landscaped yard/patio between the cottage and main building. Keep as income producing or convert to single use commercial or residential property. Exclusive **$2.995M WEB# 54751**



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CHARMING BRIDGEHAMPTON FARMHOUSE

Bridgehampton. Located on 2.2 acres with tremendous privacy and surrounded by reserve is this classic original Bridgehampton farmhouse now completely updated. This wonderful property in one of the top Bridgehampton locations, features breathtaking views, generous lawns, a heated gunite pool and exceptional grounds. Room for tennis. A one of a kind property.
Exclusive. **$4.65M WEB# 42109**

VINTAGE VILLAGE

Southampton. Situated on a tree lined street with charming village traditionals, this 1920's home is in turn key condition. Kitchen with top of the line appliances. Outside, there is a wonderful covered porch and terrace. Beautifully landscaped with a pool. Exclusive **$1.95M WEB# 35036**

WATER MILL SOUTH AND SO CHARMING

Water Mill. An original 1820's home with original details, moved by the current owner to this great south-of-the-highway location in 1978. Updated consistently by the owners, this historic home contains beamed ceilings, wide plank floors, and a herringbone brick floored sunroom/family room. Situated on .36 of beautifully landscaped grounds with total privacy.
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VERY SPECIAL SOUTHAMPTON WATERFRONT

Southampton. Located on a dead end street, and situated on over 100' of waterfront on Little Fresh Pond, is this perfectly maintained 3 bedroom home with gorgeous views overlooking the water. On the main level there is a great room with large fireplace, walls of glass and endless views of the pond. The eat-in kitchen with dining area, also has views galore and easy access to the wrap around deck that provides a wonderful spot for entertaining waterside. Exclusive. **$1.35M WEB# 33801**

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Bridgehampton

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Westhampton Dunes

"The best thing about searching and finding our perfect Hamptons retreat was to be taken care of by Elise; competent, reliable, helpful and a pleasure to deal with! We love our house, it survived Irene and Sandy, the searching and buying experience was very pleasant and professional. We recommend her 100%" - Susanne & Volker L.

Southampton

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Water Mill

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Sag Harbor

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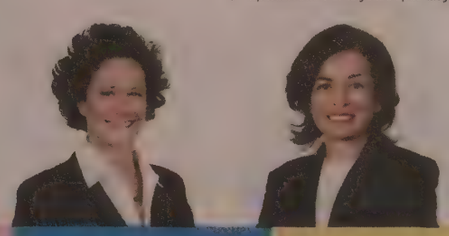

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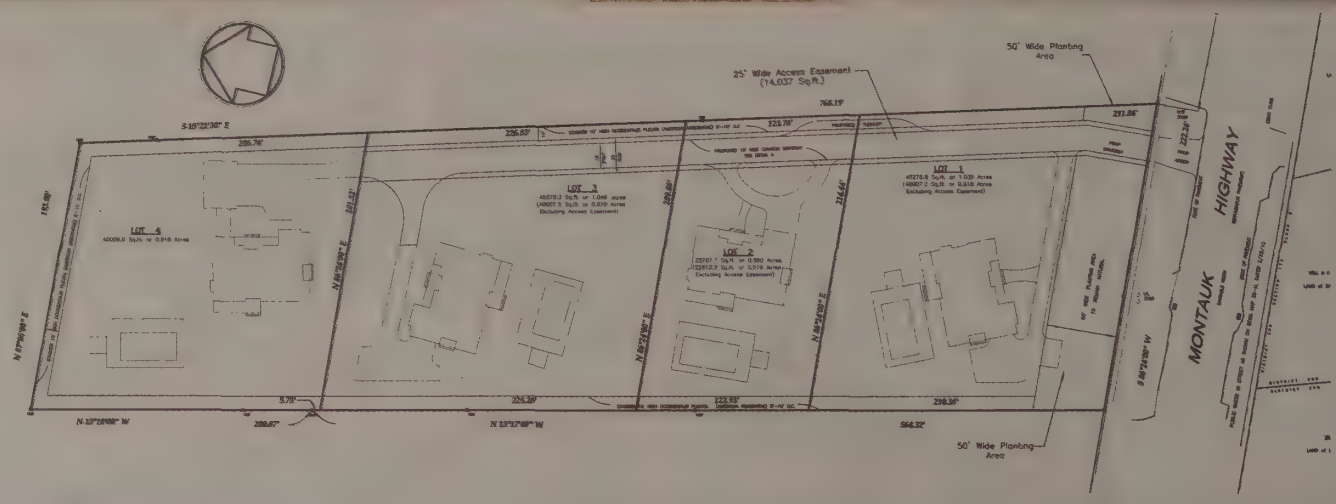

FOUR NEW LUXURY HOMES IN AMAGANSETT

Amagansett. Only one block from the Village of Amagansett and a short stroll to the Atlantic Ocean, the new Amagansett Estates will feature four custom built and architecturally distinct luxury homes. All will feature 6 ensuite bedrooms, a high end chef's kitchen, a two story, beautifully detailed foyer, and gorgeous sun lit open living spaces with 10' ceilings on the first floor. The upper level , with 5 of the 6 bedrooms, is anchored by a spectacular master suite, four additional ensuite bedrooms and a laundry room with 2 washers and 2 dryers. The lower level will be comprised of storage/utility areas plus 1,700 SF+/- of finished and beautifully detailed living space, also with 10' ceilings, expansive window wells for maximum light, and two exit doors to the outside. Three of the dwellings will be sited on one full acre with the fourth on a "shy" acre. Exclusive. **$3.65M** (Home on Lot #1) **WEB# 55494**

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MODERN ON 2.15 ACRES WITH DOCK, POOL

Sag Harbor. Crisp, lightfilled Modern opens to unparalleled 338' beachy frontage, panoramic views and blazing sunsets on beautiful Noyac Bay. Great Room, library, master bedroom all with fireplaces, office, studio, 3 guest bedrooms plus four and a half baths. 3 car garage. Rare opportunity to create a magnificent compound with purchase of adjacent 1.84 acres. Exclusive. **$9.5M WEB# 52240**

VILLAGE SUBDIVISION

Sag Harbor. Great opportunity to purchase 4 remaining building lots of a village subdivision ranging in size from shy half acre lots to .89 acres. Generous building envelope on all lots with room for pool. Convenient to heart of village and beaches. Board of Health permits in place. Individual lots can also be purchased. Exclusive. **$1.995M WEB# 7628**

BLOCKS FROM BEACH AND NEAR VILLAGE

Sag Harbor. 1.14 acre lot in desirable North Haven and 3 blocks from the bay beach from where you can watch amazing sunsets and launch your kayak! A mile into the village of Sag Harbor and all that it offers. Build a sizable home up to 5,494 sq. ft. plus 824 sq. ft. roofed accessory structure. 45% clearance permitted. Room for a good size pool. Reduced to sell! Exclusive. **$525K WEB# 8074**

WATERFRONT WITH DOCK

Sag Harbor. This fabulous home on .41 acres features 120' of water frontage with dock and exquisite village water views. Open sun-drenched living / dining areas overlooking the water, stone fireplace, gourmet kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Minutes to bay beach and Sag Harbor village. Permits for waterside pool are in place. Exclusive. **$1.9M WEB# 15108**

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BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOT...STEPS FROM MECOX BAY

Water Mill. Build you dream home on this building parcel just steps away from Mecox Bay. Situated on a dead end street with very substantial homes, this lot can accommodate up to an 8,000 SF+/- home plus a full finished basement. Exclusive. **$4.5M WEB# 8170**

SPECTACULAR BRIDGEHAMPTON HOME ON 6 ACRE

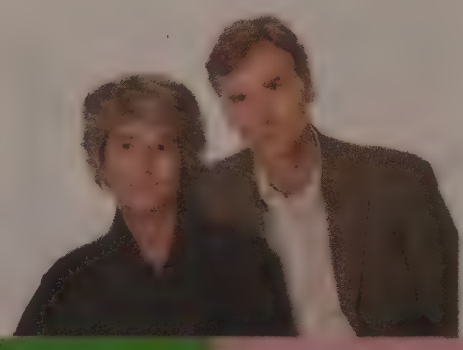
Bridgehampton. Unbelievable 6 bedroom, 10,000 SF+/- home on beautifully developed 6 acre property. Can sub-divide. North/South tennis, 35 x 55 gunite pool, basketball. Landscaping with a plethora of cherry trees, magical in the spring. Two-car attached garage, full finished basement. Exclusive. **$7.2M WEB# 50939**

HILLTOP FOUR BUILDING COMPOUND

Sag Harbor. Beautiful 1.9 acre estate in preferred Sag Harbor location with multiple structures. House has 4 bedrooms and 4 baths. Second and third story living areas enjoy Noyac Bay views. Finished basement. Additional structures include a separate oversized pool house/garage and a separate workshop/ artist's studio. Co-Exclusive. **$1.395M WEB# 15200**

NEWLY BUILT OVERLOOKING POLO FIELDS

Bridgehampton. Newly constructed 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom, 3,500 SF+/- home overlooking polo fields in Bridgehampton. Top-of-the-line appliances and open floor plan make this an extremely inviting summer getaway. Full basement with high ceilings, with great possibilities. All situated on a 2/3 acre parcel.
• Exclusive. **$1.75M WEB# 50534**



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WATER MILL LAND OR NEW CONSTRUCTION

Water Mill. Beautiful 4.13 acre parcel with permits in place for 7,000 SF+/- house, pool, pool house, tennis, tennis pavilion, horse paddock and stables and guest house. Exclusive. **$5.995M** Completed - **$2.695M** for Land and Permits **WEB# 08410**

BRIDGEHAMPTON FARM COUNTRY

Bridgehampton. Gambrel on 1.5 acre offering views of farms, rolling hills and ocean. 6,400 SF+/- with 6 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, 4 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen. Move-in now, close in the early Spring. Exclusive. **$4.395M WEB# 55738**

SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE

Southampton. This Southampton Village home was just listed for sale for the first time in 30 years. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a sun room that overlooks the heated pool and much more. Co-Exclusive. **$1.295M WEB# 44443**

SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE OPPORTUNITY

Southampton. South-of-highway on a quiet village lane is this one level country house. Perfect as is with 4 bedrooms, 4 baths or easily expandable with approved architectural plans for creation of grand estate. Co-Exclusive. **$1.995M WEB# 53542**

Bridgehampton $3.995M

Sag Harbor $3,18M

Southampton $850K

Southampton $565K

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HISTORIC HOLLYWOOD IN SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE

Southampton. Built in the 1920's now totally renovated by it's owner designer with every modern convenience while keeping the old world charm. First floor: great room, modern kitchen, bedroom with bath, wide board floors and brick fireplace. Second floor: loft area, master bedroom with bath, 2 guest bedrooms and bath. Gunite pool and pool house. Exclusive. **$1.995M WEB# 54841**

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ESTATE SECTION JEWEL

Southampton. Gracious 6 bedroom home on prestigious First Neck Lane in Southampton village. Paneled living room with fireplace, formal dining room, gourmet kitchen with adjoining breakfast room, first floor master, beautifully appointed office/den with fireplace. Covered terrace leading to gunite pool set in established gardens with lots of privacy. Exclusive. **$5.999M WEB# 31250**

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Water Mill. Secluded home that's both charming in character and large in size. Wonderful quality of light, beautiful amenities such as: modern custom kitchen, sound system throughout, bluestone on all decking, long sweeping oak floors, multiple fireplaces, dramatic vaulted ceilings. The public rooms flow to the pool and gardens, looking upon an agricultural reserve. Exclusive. **$3.15M WEB# 49051**

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GARDEN MAGIC

Southampton. Very special home overlooking open farm fields. Three bedrooms, 3 full baths, 9' ceilings on first floor with grand living room, den/media room, semi formal dining, gourmet kitchen and laundry. Exceptional gardens with great lawn and hedged pool. Exclusive. **$1.675M WEB# 54199**

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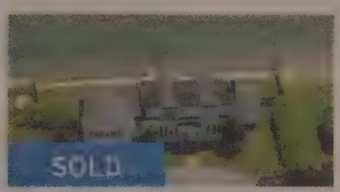
Orient $1.8M



SOUTHOLD BAYFRONT
Southold $1.25M

ORIENT ACREAGE WITH OPEN VIEWS
Orient $1.05M

HISTORIC BED AND BREAKFAST
Peconic $990K

TURNKEY ON THE NORTH FORK
Cutchogue $789K

PRIME LOCATION- DEEDED BAY BEACH
Mattituck $622K

CUSTOM RANCH
Orient $510K

SPACIOUS RANCH
Southold $450K

RESTORED GREENPORT ANTIQUE GEM
Greenport $378,216

GRANDVIEW ESTATES- ORIENT
Orient $290K

RARE SOUNDFRONT OPPORTUNITY
Southold $450K

SPACIOUS SOUTHOLD CREEKFRONT
Southold $799K

SOUTHOLD SHORES MASTERPIECE
Southold $699K

PASTORAL TRANQUILITY ABOUNDS
Orient $475K

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PERFECT WATERFRONT COTTAGE
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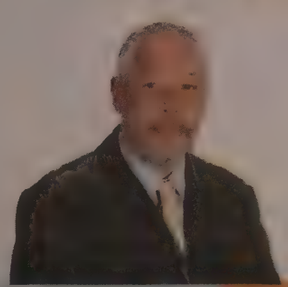

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OCEANFRONT
East Hampton. $32M*

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Southampton $38M*

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Southampton. $15.5M*

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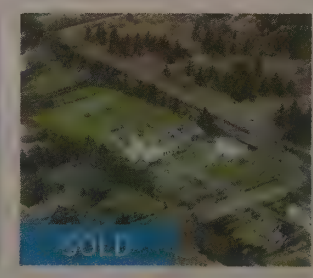

ESTATE SECTION SOUTH
Bridgehampton. 12.99M*

OCEAN AND POND VIEWS
Southampton. $3.995M*

ESTATE SECTIONS
Southampton. $3.95M*

FRESH AND NEW
Water Mill. $5.9M*

ORIENT SOUNDFRONT
Orient. $3.5M

ENTERTAINER'S DREAM
Water Mill. $6.2M*

30 ACRE RESERVE VIEWS
Southampton. $2.695M*

SOH REDUCED
Water Mill. $1.95M*

VILLAGE INVESTMENT
Southampton. $995K*

COUNTRY STYLE
Water Mill. $2.25M*

OPEN AND SPACIOUS
Southampton. $985M*

MEADOW LANE
Southampton. $11M*

VILLAGE LOCATION
Southampton. $12.5M*

OCEAN ACCESS FORDUNE
Water Mill. 11.995M*

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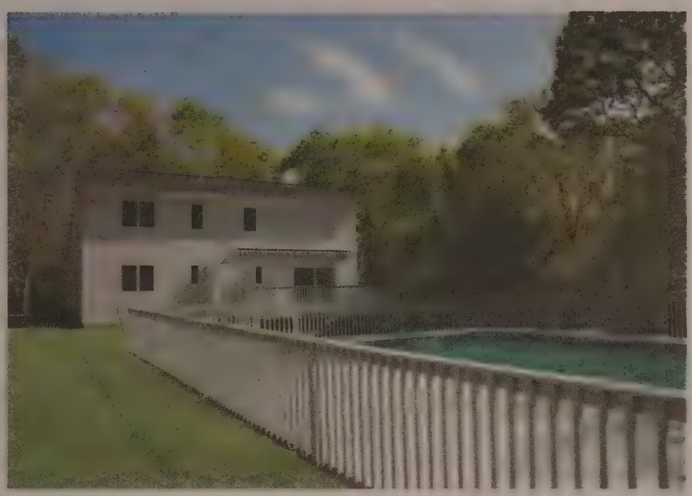
MULTI-RESIDENCE: OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING

Southampton. Southampton. Fantastic village investment opportunity that is under a million and awaiting for someone to reap the benefits of a rare multi-family residence with quick access to shops, restaurants and the ocean. This home has potential to expand and/or add a pool. All showings are possible by prior appointment only. Exclusive. **$850K WEB# 33217**



NEW TO THE MARKET: TENNIS POSSIBLE

Southampton. Five bedrooms, 2 baths, an open floor plan with cathedral ceiling living room, well appointed dining area that leads into kitchen, expansive outdoor decking, heated vinyl pool, pool house cabana, situated on nearly 2 acres of privacy, room for tennis. Amazing value and great investment. Exclusive. **$899K WEB# 36242**

STYLISH VILLAGE TRADITIONAL

Southampton. Built in 2011 this home features 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, beautiful hardwood floors, modern bathrooms, wood burning fireplace, 1st floor ensuite master bedroom, 2nd floor ensuite junior master bedroom, formal living and dining room areas, large professional kitchen, separate 1 car garage, finished basement includes media room, home gym and ensuite bedroom. Room for pool. Exclusive. **$1.895M WEB# 54218**

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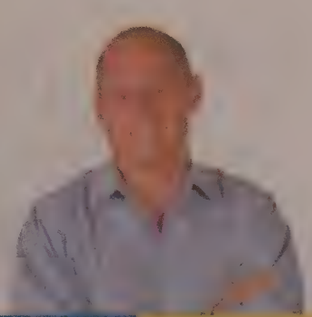

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CIRCA 1965, HAMPTONS MEETS HOLLYWOOD

East Hampton. Sited on a resort-like 2.28 acres, this designer's own home brings relaxed glamour to a mid-century beach retreat. A masterful renovation with stunning architectural details and interiors make this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath residence with abundant amenities, a true one-of-a-kind. Exclusive. **$2.95M WEB# 13806**

GREAT ESTATE POTENTIAL IN GEORGICA

East Hampton. Make the most of these 2 gorgeous, south of the highway acres with your plans for a substantial house, pool, poolhouse and tennis or renovate and expand the charming 4 bedroom, 4 bath cottage now sited on this exceptional property with 2nd floor ocean views. Grab this rare opportunity in Georgica. Exclusive. **$4.95M WEB# 47261**

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STEPS TO THE OCEAN IN THE AMAGANSETT DUNES

Amagansett. Just 300' from Amagansett's ocean beach, stands this 5 bedroom truly unique contemporary home. There is a sun filled open floor plan: living room, kitchen, dining room TV alcove with each space opening on to decks that surround the house and descend down to the pool area. Exclusive. **$2.499M WEB# 42668**

VILLAGE OPPORTUNITY - MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Southampton. This legal two residence home is the perfect blank canvas to hang your hat Southampton Village. Easily turn into a single residence home or return to its dual residence roots. Full of village charm, recently repainted with all new stainless steel kitchen appliances. Exclusive. **$1.65M WEB# 14577**

CHARMING NORTHWEST SECLUSION

East Hampton. Privately sited on a valuable street is a sunny compound formed by two structures connected by new decking and a 40' pool. There is an eat-in kitchen with solarium, formal dining room, living room with soaring walls of windows and a fireplace. Exclusive. **$1.395M WEB# 50651**

A BLOCK FROM THE BAY

North Haven. This charming traditional is completely unique. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has just been renovated. New Kitchen, new roof, 2 new baths. CAC/heated pool 2-car garage. Just listed. Exclusive. **$1.35M WEB# 94411**

NORTHWEST PARK-LIKE SETTING

East Hampton. Immaculate contemporary in near northwest East Hampton lovingly maintained and upgraded by present owner. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Large great room has skylights and fireplace; kitchen and separate dining area overlook the custom heated pool with stone diving board and sunlit 2 acres of grounds. Exclusive. **$1.195M WEB# 37051**

CHARMING CAPE NEAR MAIDSTONE BEACH

East Hampton. This spacious and updated cape for sale in East Hampton has four large bedrooms and two full baths. Upgraded kitchen with new appliances with slider out to wonderful deck and grassy back yard. The house is well situated right at the entrance to Maidstone Park. Exclusive **$499K WEB# 31048**

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BEST VALUE SOUTHAMPTON/SAG HARBOR

Sag Harbor. This well maintained 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home with tennis, located in a premier and central Sag Harbor location. **Exclusive. $1.350 WEB# 37752**

SPECTACULAR SOUTHAMPTON ESTATE

Southampton. 6 beds, 8.5 baths, 1.7 acres, 6 fireplaces, gourmet kicthen, pool/pool house, centrally located to Water Mill Southampton Village, and ocean. Room for tennis. **$4.45M WEB# 29886**

GORGEOUS SOUTHAMPTON TRADITIONAL

Southampton. 4,000 SF+/- traditional in an estate setting on one acre. 5 beds, 4 baths, 2 fireplaces one in master suite, heated pool, outdoor shower. **$1.495M WEB# 23990**

BULKHEADED OPEN PECONIC BAY

Shinnecock Hills. 2 bayfront cottages on .40 acre with total of 6 beds, 3 baths. **$1.19M WEB# 39675**

TURN KEY SOUTHAMPTON SHORES

Southampton. Renovated Cape with 3 beds, 2.5 baths, on .66 acre, community tennis and room for pool. **$649K WEB# 10488**

NEW CONSTRUCTION TRADITIONAL

Southampton. Gambrel on 1.75 acres with 6 beds, 6.5 baths, 3 fireplaces, heated gunite pool, finished basement, 3+ space garage. **$1.995M WEB# 45644**

SOUTH OF THE HIGHWAY ESTATE

Water Mill. 2012 Hamptons Designer Show House. 8300 sq ft, Traditional on 2.08 aces with 6 beds, 5.5baths, 3 fireplaces, media room, heated pool, tennis, 3+ space garage. **WEB# 20726**

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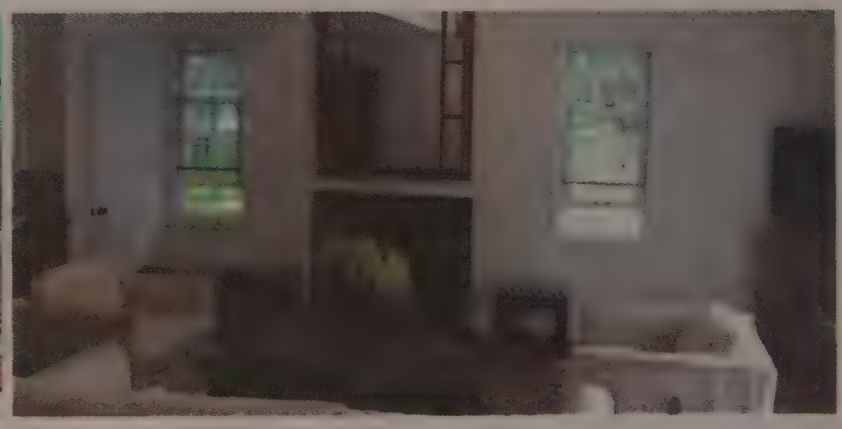

BEAUTIFUL END UNIT CONDO

Westhampton Beach. Wonderful 2 bedroom, 3.5 bath end unit condo. Open living space with vaulted ceilings, finished basement with egress, cedar closet and built-in bookcase. Extended patio overlooking lush garden. Gorgeous landscaped grounds, complex pool and pool house. Exclusive. **$559K WEB# 10808**

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East Quogue. Wonderful store front in the heart of the Village of East Quogue. Ground floor, very visible and plenty of parking spaces.
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BEAUTIFUL CONDO WITH DOCK IN THE HEART OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH

Westhampton Beach. Tri-plex 2 bedroom, 3 bath renovated condo with gorgeous water views. Delph tile Fireplace, Granite kitchen with stainless steel appliances, finished basement with bath. Exclusive. **$779K WEB# 54285**

LOVELY CONTEMPORARY ON LUSH GOUNDS

Westhampton. Contemporary 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home. Granite kitchen with stainless steel appliances and Viking gas stove. Sits on 1 acre of property, pool with pool house, detached 2 car garage with loft. Full finished basement with kitchen, bath and separate entrance. New boiler, 14 zone sprinkler system. Wonderful spacious yard. Exclusive. **$1.05M WEB# 53627**

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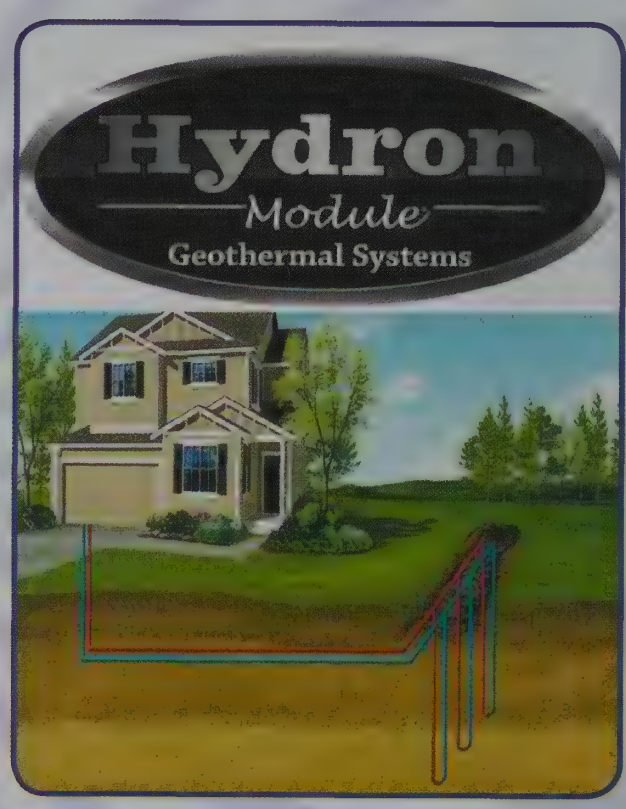

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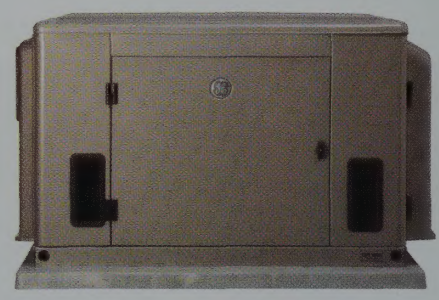

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